

OPERATIONALIZING FOR A CATASTROPHE

FULL BUILDING EVACUATION and SURGE CAPACITY



FULL BUILDING EVACUATION PROGRAM

Healthcare facilities are continually challenged with planning for, and management of, all types of emergency situations, including catastrophic disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, infrastructure failure, or other internal disasters that force a full building evacuation (FBE).

Internal relocation plans are effective for relocating patients to a safe area on the same floor, or within the building. Full building evacuations are a last resort, however a pre-designed, functional FBE plan must be in place.

We will complete a full on-site assessment of your current plan, design site-specific FBE procedures, train leadership and key staff, and establish a continuous readiness system with on-site training. The plan will be based on the current CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule (compliance requirement as of November, 2017). Training will include procedures and techniques for vertical and horizontal evacuations.

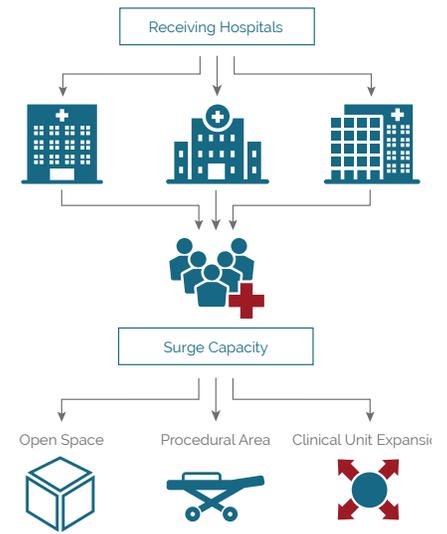
The plan training and exercises will address:

- ✦ On-unit patient preparation and packaging
- ✦ Evacuation routes for each area
- ✦ Travel routes for staff and emergency agencies
- ✦ Vertical and horizontal evacuation methods
- ✦ Staff labor pool and transport groups needed to handle the patients through the entire process
- ✦ Patient tracking forms and tracking procedures
- ✦ Triage/Discharge points for patients as they leave
- ✦ Transportation Evacuation Survey to establish a process for rapid assessment of transportation needs during evacuations. This survey will be done in conjunction with the assessment while on the inpatient units.
- ✦ Leadership and staff training on implementing the plans
- ✦ Tabletop, Functional and Full Scale Exercises
- ✦ RPA Navigator technology system

RPA is a dedicated team of fire safety, emergency management, and code compliance experts with 42 years experience working exclusively in healthcare at more than 3,000 locations.

For more information about our programs for Full Building Evacuation and Surge Capacity, contact our Business Development Department at 860.793.8600 or info@phillipsllc.com.





SURGE CAPACITY PROGRAM

How does a healthcare facility manage rapid expansion of capabilities in a disaster? The cause may be an evacuation of another healthcare facility, a mass casualty event, epidemics/pandemics, or evacuations due to flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, or infrastructure failure. It could even be driven by an internal disaster that forces a rapid relocation of patients within your facility.

The objective of this assessment is to identify areas in your building(s) that may provide surge capacity capabilities, and to identify specific steps to use those areas. Based on industry best practices, the surge capacity process would not be activated until rapid decompression steps have been completed (e.g., utilization of open beds; census reduction including the potential cancellation of procedures/testing; rapid discharge).

The plan and tools will address:

+ **Surge Capacity Assessment**

We will complete a full on-site assessment of all clinical units and procedural areas along with other potential surge locations (with appropriate resources), and develop a strategy to serve as the basis for your surge plan.

+ **Catastrophic Surge Plan**

A plan detailing Command Center actions and decisions to address a catastrophic surge.

+ **Clinical Unit/Area Tools**

We will provide unit/area specific guides to nursing for expanding capacity, addressing specific bed or area descriptions, staffing, resources and assets.



RPA Navigator

With an increasing number of disasters, as well as the growing size of health systems resulting from mergers and acquisitions, the need for real-time coordination, communication and response across departments and facilities continues to rise. RPA Navigator technology is built from the experiences that we and our clients have had in disaster exercises, actual disasters and fires, and accreditation/licensure survey outcomes. The result of this vast experience is that RPA Navigator provides a powerful technology solution for emergency management, including Full Building Evacuations and Surge Assessments.