


Strathmere Lodge

Emergency Colour Codes

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	Manual	Fire & Emergency
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Purpose:

To ensure the prompt and appropriate communication of various emergency situations to all staff via the public address system in an effort to address and resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Policy:

On discovering an emergency situation, the appropriate colour code (below) will be announced over the public pager system by the staff member making the initial discovery [except Code Red]. Any staff member hearing a specific emergency colour code announced will respond quickly and appropriately (using associated policies when required for guidance.)

Procedure:

Any staff member who happens upon one of the emergency situations below [other than Code Red, which will be announced by the Charge Nurse as per Fire Safety Plan] shall announce the appropriate colour code and location over the public address system three times (e.g., "Code White, Hickory Woods dining area, Code White, Hickory Woods dining area, Code White, Hickory Woods dining area.")

Colour Codes:

Code Red	RED	Fire
Code Green	GREEN	Evacuation
Code Yellow	YELLOW	Missing Resident
Code White	WHITE	Aggressive/Violent Individual
Code Orange	ORANGE	Community Disaster (e.g., chemical spill)
Code Black	BLACK	Bomb Threat
Code Purple	PURPLE	Extreme Weather Event (e.g., tornado)
Code Blue	BLUE	Medical Emergency (e.g., cardiac arrest)

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Associated Policies:

Code Red	RED	“Fire Safety Plan”
Code Green	GREEN	“Evacuation and Relocation Plan”
Code Yellow	YELLOW	“Missing Resident Plan”
Code White	WHITE	“Violent Outburst Plan”
Code Orange	ORANGE	“Community Disaster Plan”
Code Black	BLACK	“Bomb Threat”
Code Purple	PURPLE	“Extreme Weather Plan”
Code Blue	BLUE	“Medical Emergency Plan”

Once the emergency has been resolved and all staff/residents/visitors are safe, the code shall be cleared by announcing the colour code and the words “all clear” afterwards (e.g., “Code White all clear, Code White all clear, Code White all clear.”)