

Code **RED**

A Change for MVHS

“Code **RED** (location)”

Code RED



“Code RED” is the notification to our organization that there is a fire condition within the building

Administrative Directive MV-03-018 - Fire Safety Management Plan – Code RED



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- A workgroup is currently working on Emergency Code and Condition standardization for MVHS
- Part of that standardization is having common communication to report all Emergency Code Conditions
- Current Codes—
 - SEMC – “Condition Yellow (Location)”
 - FSLH/CRCCS – “Code RED (Location)”
- **New Code RED Announcement for MVHS effective June 5, 2017.**

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- How is a Code RED activated?
 - Smoke or heat detector is activated
 - An individual activates an emergency pull box
 - St.Luke's/St. Elizabeth/Faxton/CRCCS Campuses - An individual contacts 8911 and reports smoke and/or an active fire.

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- What happens when a Code RED is activated?
 - Chimes will sound and strobe lights will flash
 - Fire doors will automatically close.
 - IMPORTANT NOTE: ENSURE NO EQUIPMENT IS BLOCKING THE PROPER CLOSING OF A FIRE DOOR!
 - An overhead announcement will be made three times in succession:
 - “Code RED (Location)”
 - 911 is automatically contacted.
 - Security, the Organizational Fire Marshall, AOC, and the Safety Officer are notified.



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- When do I use Code RED?
 - If you see smoke or active flame in your area.
- How do I activate a Code RED?
 - Pull the nearest fire alarm pull box
 - Go to the nearest phone, or tell another staff member to call 8911 to notify SRC/Switchboard that there is a Code RED.
 - Tell the SRC Representative/Switchboard Operator you have a Code RED and tell them the location of the fire.

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- How do I respond when I hear Code RED and/or hear the alarms?
 - If the danger is in your immediate area:
 - Place patients/residents/registrants and visitors into a safe area.
 - Place into rooms.
 - Move to another smoke compartment away from the fire.
 - What if my patient is on O2?
 - Switch patients/residents on wall O2 onto portable O2 tanks.
 - After all patients/residents are off wall O2, shut off MAIN O2 valve in your area.
 - Move patient/resident to safety.



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- How do I respond when I hear Code RED and hear the alarms?
 - If the danger is NOT in your immediate area:
 - Place patients/residents/registrants and visitors into a safe area
 - Place into rooms.
 - Identify Patients/Residents that are on O2.
 - Wait for instructions to place those patients on portable O2 tanks and then shut off the main O2 valve.
 - Prepare for and wait for instructions for a possible evacuation.
 - Man all exits and monitor for any movement. (Refer to Administrative directive MV-03-041 Emergency Code Location Assignments)
(Remember that a fire alarm activation can be used as a distraction for an abduction/elopement!)



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- How do I respond when I hear Code RED and hear the alarms?
 - If not in immediate danger - stay in the area unless advised by someone in authority.
 - Remove or place all equipment to one side of the hall to prepare for possible evacuation
 - Do NOT call 8911 for an update/clarification or to see when the Code will be cleared.
 - Resume normal activities once you hear the overhead page “Code RED, Condition Clear”.
 - **Although the alarms may be silenced, the Condition Clear CANNOT be called until the Fire Department deems the situation safe.**
 - It may take a few minutes before the door magnets are activated again.



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- Limit movement through the fire doors, do not prevent any visitor from leaving the area unless they are moving toward the danger.
 - Do not travel through fire doors unless your personal safety is at risk
 - We should limit movement through the fire doors in order to ensure we are containing the smoke.
 - We cannot prevent visitors/family from leaving the building!
 - Be aware of suspicious behavior and if identified, take notes and report the behavior to Security.



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Medical Offices / Dialysis Offices / Business Offices



- When do I use Code RED?
 - If you see smoke or active flame in your area.
- How do I activate a Code RED?
 - Pull the nearest fire alarm pull box
 - If it is safe to do so, go to the nearest phone, or tell another staff member to call 911 to notify that there is a Fire in the building and the location.

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- How do I respond when I hear the alarms?
 - Where it is safe to do so, sweep the building to ensure everyone is accounted for.
 - Evacuate the building to the designated safe location.
 - Call 911 to report the fire if action not performed prior to the evacuation.
 - Contact the appropriate Hospital to notify of the event.
 - FSLH – 315-624-8911
 - SEMC – 315-801-8911



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Remember the New Code for Fire Notification!!

If smoke or fire is in your immediate area, anyone is authorized to shut off main oxygen valve, only after all patients on wall O2 have been placed on portable O2 tanks.

“Code RED (Location)”

Replacing Current Codes–

SEMC – “Condition Yellow (Location)”

FSLH/CRCCS – “Code RED (Location)”

New Code for MVHS effective

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References:



NIAHO Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines & Surveyor Guidance, Physical Environment Standards

NFPA 99 Standard for Health Care Facilities

NFPA 101 Life Safety Code®

MVHS Administrative Directive MV-03-021 - Emergency Operations Plan

MVHS Administrative Directive MV-03-041 – Emergency Code Location Assignments

MVHS Administrative Directive MV-03-018 – Fire Safety Management Plan – Code RED

