



NURSING HOME EVACUATION SAFETY

OSHA EVACUATION SAFETY

Course: Hours Instruction
Hours: Class Room
Hours: Field Instruction

Regulation 29 CFR 1910.36

Prerequisites:
Fee:
CE Credits:

How would you escape with your residents from your workplace in an emergency? Do you know where all the exits are in case your first choice is too crowded? Are you sure the doors will be unlocked and that the exit access, such as a hallway, will not be blocked during a fire, explosion, or other crisis? Knowing the answers to these questions could keep you safe during an emergency as a disorganized evacuation may result in confusion, injury, and property damage. Exit routes are to be permanent using fire resistance-rated construction materials.

Who Should Take This Course:

Nursing home management, employees, or rescue personnel - your plan must be written, kept in the workplace, and available for employee review.

Course Objectives:

- Hazard analysis - Details specific vulnerabilities of the facility, such as proximity to water and low elevation; accounts for various threats to the facility. Develop a preparedness plan that includes "what if" scenarios and identifies events likely to cause evacuation in a nursing home setting--hurricane, floods, fire, chemical spills, explosions or similar situations.
- List all equipment necessary to handle defined emergencies, exit points and procedures for alerting employees and emergency personnel.
- Lay out the foundation for an Emergency Preparedness Plan that serves as an assessment document to prepare your business to handle an emergency and become safety compliant.
- Develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) based on the information in your Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Specify exactly what employees should do during an emergency
- The Emergency Action Plan details emergency number and emergency team leaders to aid evacuation and locate employees after leaving the job site.
- Post Evacuation Escape Routes in strategic locations throughout the building (usually in hallways, rooms and exit points) and highlight the nearest escape route.
- Implement training

United Safety Solutions Course Covers:

- The minimum elements of an Emergency Action Plan
- Determine the conditions that call for an evacuation
- Define an exit route and specific requirements for exits
- Design and construction requirements for exit routes
- Number of exits at your workplace
- How to develop an evacuation policy and procedures
- How to establish evacuation routes and exits
- The role of coordinators and evacuation during an emergency
- Accounting for employees and residents after an evacuation

General provisions

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- Decision criteria - Includes factors to consider in deciding to evacuate or shelter in place
- Communication - Specifies clear communication protocols and backup plans
- Staff family members - Indicates whether staff family can shelter at the facility and evacuate
- Community coordination - Details procedures for working with local emergency manager and submitting plan
- Specific resident needs - Contains lists of resident medical and personal needs

Provisions for sheltering in place

- Securing the facility - Details measures to secure building against damage, especially for facilities sheltering in place
- Emergency power - Specifies backup power, including generators; accounts for maintaining supply of fuel
- Food supply - Details the amounts and types of food on hand
- Water supply - Specifies availability of potable water
- Staffing - Designates key personnel in emergencies; details assignments
- Medication - Specifies maintenance of extra pharmacy stocks of common medications
- Serving as a host facility - Describes hosting procedures; details procedures for ensuring 24-hour operations

Provisions for evacuation

- Transportation contract - Includes current contracts with vendors for transportation
- Evacuation procedures - Details contingency plans, policies, roles, responsibilities, and procedures
- Host facility agreement - Includes current contracts to facilities and relocation to similar facilities
- Food supply - Describes ensuring adequate supplies and logistical support for transporting food
- Medications - Describes logistics for moving medications, including moving them under the control of a registered nurse
- Transfer of medical records - Details ensuring availability of residents' medical records; describes logistics for moving medical records
- Staffing - Specifies procedures to ensure that staff accompany evacuating residents
- Resident personal belongings - Includes list of items to accompany residents
- Reentry - Identifies who authorizes reentry, specifies procedures for inspecting facility and transporting residents from host facility
- Water supply - Specifies amount of water to be taken and logistical support
- Evacuation route - Identifies evacuation routes and secondary routes, including maps, and specifies expected travel time

Certification:

Successful completion requires 80% on both classroom and practical skills.

Upon successful completion, participants receive a wallet card, documentation to satisfy OSHA.

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