

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SEVERE WEATHER

STORMS, TORNADO, FLOODING



INSTRUCTIONS

Emergency Response practice is important for staff to properly respond to emergency situations. In the face of emergencies, people often look to others on how to respond. The objective of the emergency response scenario's practice is when faced with a similar situation, staff will respond accordingly thus minimizing the impact of the emergency. Make sure that you have your company's emergency code plans (to reference), sign-in sheet, and debriefing sheet. Present the scenario and walk through the response using the following discussion questions. Be sure to encourage discussion by being open to all answers and opinions from participants.

DISCUSSTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the first things that need to be addressed?
2. What things do you need to be aware of?
3. Once the situation is under control, what steps need to happen following the emergency?

SCENARIOS

SCENARIO 1

Recreation has taken many of the centre's residents out to the local festival at a large community park. It was a typical nice sunny summer day. The residents and staff were enjoying the day traveling throughout the park, taking in the shows and various booths. Very suddenly the wind picked up and the weather changed in minutes. All the festival-goers were frantically running and trying to find some shelter. All your staff and residents were also trying to find shelter but you had to be separated given the sudden nature.

SCENARIO 2

A couple of colleagues and you are on your supper break, and you are all settled down to eat your meals. Outside, rain suddenly erupts into a heavy downpour. Thunder booms and large hail pounds down on the roof. Over the staff room TV, an emergency alert comes through. A Tornado Warning has been issued for your area and has instructed everyone in the area to take immediate shelter. You hear a roar, like a freight train, that begins to get louder as it approaches.

SCENARIO 3

It is mid-August, it has been a very wet summer so far. It has been raining steadily for a couple of days. The local rivers have been steadily rising near your facility and local emergency officials have been going around today informing the area where your facility is located that you are on an evacuation notice and they anticipate that the river will break the bank later today. After this information, your site starts making plans.