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A Quarterly Insight on LTC Emergency Preparedness from NDLTCA

EP Newsletter

Welcome to the NDLTCA Emergency Preparedness Newsletter!

This quarterly newsletter will hopefully serve as an emergency planning resource for your facility by featuring helpful articles, checklists, or tools.

Featured Video >>>

Vulnerabilities for Healthcare Facilities

presented by Don Ronsberg, Protective Security Advisor, Homeland Security. Don shares some good advice regarding the security at your facility. If you are interested, through the Protective Security Advisor Program, security specialists like Don are available to come to your facility and complete free, walk-through security assessments. The information contained within the report is protected under the ND Century Code – free from public disclosure. If you would like more information, contact Lacie at lacie@ndltca.org or Don at Donald.Ronsberg@hq.dhs.gov.



Site Visits

A reminder that site visits are available. A team of 2-3 individuals who have expertise in Hospital Emergency Management and hospital facility/engineering knowledge would visit your facility for a few hours. Usually the team starts with an overview of the visit, then takes a short tour of the facility. Most of the visit time would be spent in a meeting room with your personnel reviewing Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) and asking preparedness questions. This is NOT a survey, and there is no pass or fail. If interested, contact Lacie at lacie@ndltca.org.

HAN Alert Drills

To allow for facilities to coordinate and better train staff on receiving HAN Alert drills, the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) will now be sharing HAN Alert drill dates and times with NDLTCA. This sharing of information should also help prevent drills from being held during NDLTCA Conferences and Convention. Please look for future drill information on our website in the [Training & Exercises](#) section.

ND HAN bed availability and HAN Asset drills serve to help staff practice using the HC Standard software and HAN Assets website.

Facility Security Checklist

Creating strong security systems is about ensuring you remain in control of your facility. Protecting residents and staff is first priority, followed by protecting your assets. You may have been in the long term care business for 30 years and never had a serious security problem. If so, that is how it should be. Although security problems can arise any time, a disaster is one of the times when security issues are most likely to arise.

- You possess something that is very valuable such as a lifesaving vaccine;
- Your facility is viewed as a shelter;
- Security is the disaster, such as a shooter or other violent person in the building; or,
- You need to keep an external threat out of your building.

We have had members inquire about a security checklist that they could use to evaluate the security of their facility. Here is a [security checklist](#) from the OSHA (3148-04R 2015) [Guidelines for Preventing Workplace Violence for Healthcare and Social Service Workers](#) document. Check out the [Emergency Preparedness](#) section of ndltca.org for more information on facility security.