

Emergency Codes

Each of these codes and their corresponding definition is listed on the back of your OSMH identification badge.

Code Green: Evacuation, call 3333

An evacuation could mean:

- Local: Local area, removal of person/s from immediate danger
- Stage 1: Horizontal– Horizontal move of patients and staff from a wing/floor to a safe area on the same level
- Stage 2: Vertical – Vertical move of patients and staff to a safe level 2 floors below area of danger, but not lower than a point of exit out of the building
- Stage 3: Premises – Total hospital evacuation
- If stationed on a unit – follow the direction of the manager/designate
- If stationed elsewhere – report to personnel pool (Dr. Brian McGugan Education Room)

In the event of a Code Green, a student may be requested to carry information to a safe designated area, i.e. staff schedules, patient information.

Code Red: Fire, call 3333

- During a Code Red students are to stay in the area where they are when the code is announced and ask visitors to do the same. Wait until the “All Clear” announcement is made before proceeding to your destination.
- Don’t use elevators, walk through fire doors, use telephones, or walk up or down stairs.
- All elevators will move to Level 1 when the code is announced.
- Only Orillia Fire Department can announce the All Clear.

Code Black: Bomb Threat, call 3333

- If a student sees a package or other article that is suspicious – DO NOT TOUCH.
- Retreat away from the package. Contact the person in charge immediately i.e., charge nurse, manager or designate.
- In the event of a Code Black, a student may be requested to deliver or pick up pick up information to/from the Incident Command Centre.

Code Brown: Hazardous Material Spill, call 3333

There are 3 levels of spills:

- Level 1 – Cleaned up by staff in the unit / department the spill occurred.
- Level 2 – Cannot be contained by the unit / department; requires Spill Response team.
 - Control person: Director, Facilities Management
- Level 3 – Requires External Resource(s).
 - Spill Response team assessment determines incident to be a health, fire or environmental hazard

Code Blue: Cardiac/Respiratory Alert, call 2333

- Students may be called upon in a Code Blue to provide chest compressions or be requested to assist moving equipment i.e. wheelchairs in the hall to make way for the Code Team.

Code Pink: Neonatal Resuscitation, call 3333

- The student has no role in a Code Pink unless requested to assist moving equipment i.e. wheelchairs in the hall to make way for the Code Team.

Code OB: Emergency During Birth, call 3333

- The student has no role in a Code OB unless requested to assist moving equipment i.e. wheelchairs in the hall to make way for the Code Team.

Code Yellow: Missing Patient, call 3333

- The student may be requested to take information or pick-up information at the Incident Command Centre
- If the Code Yellow occurs on the clinical unit you may be assigned by the manager/designate to obtain a description of the patient to enable participation in finding the patient.

Code Amber: Missing Child, call 3333

- The student may be requested to take information or pick-up information at the Incident Command Centre
- If the Code Amber occurs on the clinical unit you may be assigned by the manager/designate to obtain a description of the patient to enable participation in finding the patient.

Code White: Violent Patient, call 2333

- If the student becomes aware that a situation is escalating, retreat to a safe distance/area

Code Purple: Violence with Weapon, call 3333

- The student should retreat to a safe distance/area.

Code Grey: Loss of Infrastructure, call 3333

- The student has no role in Code Grey.
- Code Grey would include events associated with loss of electrical power, ventilation, steam heating, etc.

Code Orange: External Disaster, called by Admin-On-Call

- If stationed on a unit – follow the direction of the manager
- If stationed elsewhere – report to personnel pool (Dr. Brian McGugan Education Room)
- The student may be requested by a manager/designate to assist with preparations for the disaster i.e. obtaining extra wheelchairs/stretchers, photocopying, obtaining supplies from another area



Emergency Codes Self Training Guide

Thank you for completing the self training guide.
We hope it was informative.

Please print this certificate and submit it with
your completed orientation manual.