

<b>MANUAL:</b> <i>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</i>	<b>HOME SPECIFIC NAME:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Fairfield Park</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Brouillette Manor</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>LaPointe-Fisher Nursing Home</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Corporate</b>
<b>TITLE:</b> <i>CODE BROWN- CHEMICAL SPILL EMERGENCY PLAN</i>	<b>SECTION: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</b>
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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** JAN 1998

**REVISED:** SEPT 2013, JUNE 2022

**POLICY:**

The home shall have an emergency plan for a chemical spill. The emergency code denoting this situation shall be "Code Brown".

**PROCEDURES:**

**TRAINING & EDUCATION**

Staff shall be trained on this plan upon hire and provided with refresher education annually thereafter.

Residents and/or their legal representative will be advised, on admission, that the current version of the emergency plans are available on the Home's website and a copy of such plans can be made available upon request.

**TESTING OF PLAN**

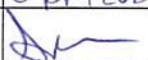
This plan shall be tested annually.

**ACTIVATION OF PLAN**

**CHEMICAL EMERGENCY OUTSIDE OF THE HOME**

Upon notification of an emergency situation:

- Close all doors and windows and shut down ventilation systems, including washroom fans and fume hoods.

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- Under the direction of the police and fire departments, evacuation may take place to an area designated as safe.
- In the event of an evacuation, transportation would be made available, as it would be for any emergency situation.
- In any chemical emergency, the wind direction will be an important factor in determining a safe means of evacuation.

#### CHEMICAL EMERGENCY INSIDE THE HOME

- The staff member who located the chemical spill will page using the overhead paging system to alert staff of a code brown and the location. For example "code brown blue wing room 134"
- Evacuate area of spill or leak.
- Call 911 and ask for police and fire department (Ambulance may be required if someone has been hurt).
- Investigate spill/leak to determine if the remainder of the Home may have to be evacuated.

#### REPORTING

- See critical incident/mandatory reporting procedure to clarify if/when MOHLTC needs to be notified, along with current contact information.

#### EVACUATION

In the event an evacuation of the home is required, refer to the emergency plan, "Code Green – Evacuation".

#### REPORTING

Review Critical Incident/Mandatory Reporting procedure and complete, if required.


#### COMMUNICATION

The Home shall communicate to residents, substitute decision-makers, if any, staff, volunteers, students, caregivers, the Residents' Council and the Family Council, if any, on the emergency in the home

- ✓ at the beginning of the emergency,
- ✓ when there is a significant change throughout the course of the emergency
- ✓ when the emergency is declared over

#### RECOVERY

1. A debrief is provided for residents, substitute decision-makers, staff, volunteers and students involved.

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2. The Administrator or delegate will ensure resumption of regular operations of the home takes place (i.e. coordinate with managers, service providers and support workers to ensure all essential services are in place)
3. Coordination with Social Services to meet with residents, families and staff who may have experienced distress during the emergency, to offer support and resources.

## EVALUATION

The emergency plan shall be evaluated annually and updated, if needed. If the plan has been activated, it shall be evaluated within 30 days of the emergency being declared over and updated, if needed.

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