



Nursing Home Emergency Response



Nursing home communities must have a nursing home emergency response program to protect residents during and after an emergency.

Each year the nursing home must review and update the components of their emergency response program.

Twice a year, nursing homes must test one or more emergency program components through a planned testing exercise.

Emergency Response and Resident Rights

Residents have rights that must continue to be protected through emergency response this includes receiving:

- Competent care day-to-day, during, and after an emergency
- Communication about the emergency response program plan

Emergency Preparedness Program: Four Core Elements

Risk assessment based on the specific facility and the community where the facility is located to guide planning

Policies and procedures based on the risk assessment, emergency plan, and communication plan

**Risk Assessment
and Planning**

**Policies and
Procedures**

**Emergency
Preparedness
Program**

**Communication
Plan**

**Training and
Testing**

Communication to ensure coordination of care internal as well as external to the nursing home

Training, testing, demonstration, and documentation of the plan and those who are responsible for carrying it out

Want to know more? Contact [your nursing home advocate](#) or send an email to geriatrics@unthsc.edu

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