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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

PURPOSE OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN
Emergency situations by their very nature and magnitude require an appropriate, well-coordinated response by many people, including staff, residents, visitors and community partners.
The purpose of an emergency plan is to provide an effective, co-ordinated and appropriate plan of action to respond to and recover from an emergency event.

Effective emergency plans should:
1. Identify the lines of authority
2. Identify the assignment of staff
3. Describe the actions occupants should take during the emergency
4. Identify the building safety features and systems that pertain to the emergency
5. Identify community partners and resources needed to assist with the emergency
6. Describe the actions needed to recover from the emergency at its conclusion

These plans have been developed in accordance with the Fixing Long Term Care Act (FLTCA), 2021, and Ontario Regulation (Ont. Reg.) 246/22 made under the FLTCA.

PURPOSE OF A FIRE SAFETY PLAN
The Ontario Fire Code, Section 2.8 requires the establishment and implementation of a FIRE SAFETY PLAN for buildings containing assembly occupancy or care or detention occupancy.

The implementation of a Fire Safety Plan helps to assure effective utilization of life safety features in the building and to protect people from fire.
ONT. REG. 246/22
s. 268(11): If there is a conflict or an inconsistency between a provision of the fire code under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 and a provision of an emergency plan, the fire code prevails to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

ONT. REG 246/22
s. 268(4): The licensee shall ensure that the emergency plans provide for the following:
1. Dealing with emergencies, including, without being limited to,
   i. outbreaks of a communicable disease, outbreaks of a disease of public health significance, epidemics and pandemics,
   ii. fires,
   iii. community disasters,
   iv. violent outbursts,
   v. bomb threats,
   vi. medical emergencies,
   vii. chemical spills,
   viii. situations involving a missing resident,
   ix. loss of one or more essential services,
   x. gas leaks,
   xi. natural disasters and extreme weather events,
   xii. boil water advisories, and
   xiii. floods.

LOCATIONS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY PLANS
See Appendix ‘I’ – Location of Emergency Plans, Fire Zones and Floor Plans