

**Disaster Preparedness Rulemaking – SHB 1218 Project 2**

**NH Disaster Plan Rule Comparison Table**

This document shows the areas in the WAC where we are considering amending rules for nursing homes to meet requirements from SHB 1218. While some of the requirements already exist in Federal regulations, the objective of these WAC amendments is to cover all nursing homes including those not Federally certified.

Current Language	Proposed Language	Comments
<p><b>WAC 388-97-1740</b>                      Disaster and emergency preparedness.                      (1) The nursing home must develop and implement detailed written plans and procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters. At a minimum the nursing home must ensure these plans provide for:                      (a) Fire or smoke;                      (b) Severe weather;                      (c) Loss of power;                      (d) Earthquake;                      (e) Explosion;                      (f) Missing resident, elopement;                      (g) Loss of normal water supply;                      (h) Bomb threats;                      (i) Armed individuals;                      (j) Gas leak, or loss of service; and                      (k) Loss of heat supply.                      (2) The nursing home must train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin work in the nursing home, periodically review emergency procedures with existing staff, and carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.                      (3) The nursing home must ensure emergency plans:</p>	<p><b>WAC 388-97-1740</b>                      Disaster and emergency preparedness.                      (1) The nursing home must develop and implement detailed written plans and procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters. At a minimum the nursing home must ensure these plans provide for:                      (a) Fire or smoke;                      (b) Severe weather;                      (c) Loss of power;                      (d) Earthquake;                      (e) Explosion;                      (f) Missing resident, elopement;                      (g) Loss of normal water supply;                      (h) Bomb threats;                      (i) Armed individuals;                      (j) Gas leak, or loss of service; and                      (k) Loss of heat supply.                      (l) Infectious disease outbreaks                      (m) other events that may require sheltering in place, evacuations, or other emergency measures to protect the health and safety of residents.                      (2) The nursing home must:                      (a) Train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin work in the nursing home,</p>	

<p>(a) Are developed and maintained with the assistance of qualified fire, safety, and other appropriate experts as necessary;</p> <p>(b) Are reviewed annually; and</p> <p>(c) Include evacuation routes prominently posted on each unit.</p>	<p>(b) Periodically review emergency procedures with existing staff, and</p> <p>(c) Carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.</p> <p>(d) Maintain two weeks provisions of food, water, hygiene, and first aid supplies</p> <p>(3) The nursing home must ensure emergency plans:</p> <p>(a) Are developed and maintained with the assistance of qualified fire, safety, and other appropriate experts as necessary;</p> <p>(b) Are reviewed annually; and</p> <p>(c) Updated as necessary</p> <p>(d) Include evacuation routes prominently posted on each unit.</p> <p>(e) Describe on-duty employees responsibilities</p> <p>(f) Include communications plan which at a minimum addresses the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Communication with resident's contacts within reasonable time</li> <li>ii. Communication with state and local agencies within reasonable time</li> <li>iii. Communication with long-term care ombuds within reasonable time</li> <li>iv. Communication with developmental disabilities ombuds within reasonable time</li> <li>v. Contacting and requesting emergency assistance</li> </ul> <p>(g) Meeting resident's essential needs</p> <p>(h) Include procedures to provide emergency information to provide for the health and safety of residents.</p>	

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