



The following “Codes” are words or phrases that are used at this facility to communicate specific situations that may arise. In the event of an emergency situation, a plain-language emergency code will be used to notify the appropriate individuals to initiate an immediate and appropriate response based on the hospital emergency operations plan. The emergency code activation may or may not include widespread notification, based on the incident and established emergency procedure. Upon hearing the announcement or being told by a supervisor all employees will respond in accordance with the hospital policy and /or the department’s specific plan that has been developed for that particular emergency.

Emergency Codes Plain Language Matrix

Code Red		Fire or Smoke
Code Blue		Cardiac Arrest ≥ 18yrs
Code Green		Cardiac Arrest ≤ 17yrs
FACILITY ALERT		
Prepare to Evacuate	Facility Alert + Prepare to Evacuate + Location	
Mass Casualty Incident	Facility Alert + Mass Casualty Incident + Location	
Helicopter Alert	Facility Alert + Incoming Helicopter + Location	
SECURITY ALERT		
Infant/Child Abduction	Security Alert + Missing (<i>Infant, Child</i>), Age, Description + Location	
Elopement	Security Alert + Missing Adult + Description + Location	
Suspicious Package	Security Alert + Suspicious Package + Location	
Potential Violence	Security Alert + Combative Person + Location	
Armed Assailant	Security Alert + Armed Assailant + Location	
MEDICAL ALERT		
Neonatal Resuscitation	Medical Alert + Neonatal Resuscitation + Location	
Stroke	Medical Alert + Stroke + Location	
Acute Cardiac Event	Medical Alert + Acute Cardiac Event + Location	
Imminent Delivery	Medical Alert + Imminent Delivery + Location	
Sepsis	Medical Alert + Sepsis + Location	
Trauma Team	Medical Alert + Trauma Level (I or II) + Location	
Malignant Hyperthermia	Medical Alert + Malignant Hyperthermia + Location	
Medical Emergency	Medical Alert + Rapid Response Team + Location	