

10A NCAC 13K .1206 HOSPICE INPATIENT FIRE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The hospice shall establish written policies and procedures governing disaster preparedness and fire protection.
- (b) The hospice shall have detailed written plans and procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters, including fire and severe weather.
- (c) The plans and procedures shall be made available upon request to local or regional emergency management offices.
- (d) The facility shall provide training for all employees in emergency procedures upon employment and annually.
- (e) The facility shall conduct unannounced drills using the emergency procedures.
- (f) The facility shall ensure that:
 - (1) the patients' environment remains as free of accident hazards as possible; and
 - (2) each patient receives adequate supervision and assistance to prevent accidents.
- (g) The fire protection plan shall include:
 - (1) instruction for all personnel in use of alarms, firefighting equipment, methods of fire containment, evacuation routes, procedures for calling the fire department, and the assignment of specific tasks to all personnel in response to an alarm; and
 - (2) fire drills for each shift of personnel at least quarterly.

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