

Codes Review - Internal Emergency

What Is an Internal Emergency

An announcement using the following format will be heard on the facility wide speaker system.

“Internal Emergency – *Location - Instructions.*”

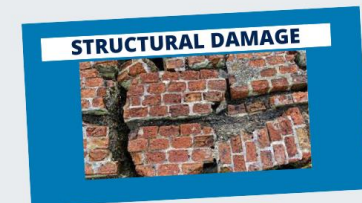
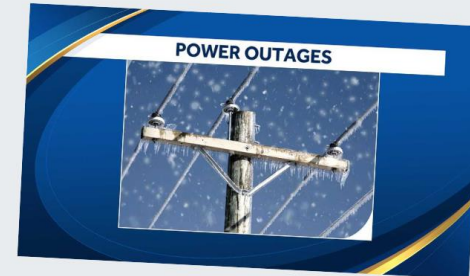
- Events that severely disrupt the everyday, routine services of a hospital facility. They have the potential to endanger patients, staff, and visitors, and to undermine the integrity of the facility as a steward of public health and safety.
- Examples include:
 - ☐ Power outages
 - ☐ Structural damage
 - ☐ Information and communication technology failures
 - ☐ Cyberattacks

What To Do

Wait for instructions.

Source: “When Disasters Strike the Emergency Department.”
<https://intjem.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12245-021-00372-7>.

Internal Emergency



Kaiser's Plan

Plan Parts	Description
 Emergency Operations Plan	Each part of Kaiser develops an Emergency Operations Plan. Each plan includes: ✓ A designated Incident Commander and backup ✓ Command center structure ✓ Alert and notification procedures ✓ Alignment with the National Command Center
 Yearly Training	Each year training and at least one disaster exercise is held for all command center staff.
 Command Centers	Command centers may be physical or virtual. They coordinate information and resources.
 Reports	After-action reports are made after a disaster exercise or an actual disaster in order to make recommendations for future improvements to the plan.

Sources: Disaster Events, Emergency Management Practices, and Command Center Notifications Policy (Effective 04/01/2022)

Internal Emergency Summary



Internal Triage (An Internal Emergency Occurred)

Purpose

To activate the organization's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in response to an event that has occurred within the facility.

Used For

- Any internal emergency not covered by another code such as a bomb scare.

What to do

- Wait for instructions.