

## Summary of Emergency Codes

All caregivers should know how to respond to these codes, which are paged overhead during an emergency. These are described in detail in the [Emergency Flip Chart](#), which should be conspicuously posted in your department/unit. You can download and print your own flip chart from: PHS-OR > Resources > Emergency Management > EM Library.

CODE	DEFINITION	CAREGIVER RESPONSE
<b>Code Blue</b>	Cardiac or respiratory arrest	Specially trained team responds (medical). Bring code cart.
<b>Code Red</b>	Fire	<p>EVERYONE RESPONDS</p> <p>If fire is in your area: RACER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Rescue</u> those in immediate danger</li> <li>2. <u>Alarm</u> by calling 88 and pulling red fire alarm</li> <li>3. <u>Contain</u> by closing doors and windows</li> <li>4. <u>Extinguish</u> the fire using PASS technique, if safe to do so</li> <li>5. <u>Relocate</u> to adjacent smoke compartment if necessary</li> </ol> <p>If fire is outside your work area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter in place. Remain in your smoke compartment. Stop non-essential travel from one work area to another until the code is cleared.</li> <li>• Close all doors and windows.</li> </ul> <p>Specially trained team responds to alarm (physical plant)</p>
<b>Code Orange</b>	Hazardous material spill	Specially trained team responds (designated team members from various departments). Bring chemical spill cart.
<b>Code Gray</b>	Combative person	Specially trained team responds (security and designated staff). All others stay away from paged location.
<b>Code Silver</b>  <b>Code Silver – Active Shooter</b>	Weapon or hostage situation	<p>Code silver (page with no modifier):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specially trained team responds (security and police).</li> <li>• All others stay away from paged location.</li> </ul> <p><b>Code Silver – Active Shooter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run – Hide – Fight</li> <li>• Run if you are in immediate danger. Staff must make an assessment if they can safely assist patients.</li> </ul>
<b>Code Amber</b>	Missing infant or child	<p>EVERYONE RESPONDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for infant/child fitting paged description.</li> <li>• Stand by exits/ elevators/ stairs until code is cleared.</li> <li>• Ask anyone carrying container large enough to hide an infant to wait with you or ask to inspect the container yourself. Contact Security for assistance as needed.</li> <li>• If person walks away or refuses to cooperate, report to Security immediately.</li> </ul>
<b>External Triage</b>	Disaster originating outside the hospital	<p>EVERYONE RESPONDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to your unit manager or supervisor for instructions</li> <li>• Managers report staff numbers and resources to hospital's Incident Command Center (via phone or fax).</li> <li>• Non-essential staff report to labor pool, as directed by their managers.</li> <li>• Satellites report to the hospital command center.</li> </ul>
<b>Internal Triage</b>	Utility failure or bomb threat	Only Physical Plant, Admin or PBX can call this code. Specially trained team responds (physical plant). Refer to the utility failure plan in your department's Emergency Response Book.