

Emergency Preparedness at our Natick Campus

Weather-related disasters and emergencies are unavoidable—snowstorms, earthquakes, tornadoes, flooding and other inclement weather incidents. These types of situations tend to cause power outages and, even in communities as large and well-staffed as ours, Residents may feel the uneasiness that can come along with flickering lights.

With the weather-related storms of the past few years, our Residents have been able to remain calm and comfortable, not only because of the preparedness at SALMON Health and Retirement, but also because of their own knowledge of how things are handled on our campus.



Hello,

I would like all of our Residents and families to know that we are fully prepared for most disasters that may come our way.

The Natick campus has a fire and disaster plan that has been approved by the Natick Fire Department and is reviewed annually by our safety committee. We conduct fire drills every month, one on each shift, four times per year. Please take comfort in knowing that Whitney Place at Natick is a class A constructed building (not wooden) and has a sprinkler system that covers the entire building, including all rooms and apartments. Our fire alarm system is tied directly to the Natick Fire Department.

Our 350 kWh generator is tested weekly and covers essential areas of the building with light, heat, and power for the boilers, water systems, kitchen and some of our elevators.

A seven-day supply of food is always on hand and all cooking equipment is connected to the generator. With a power failure, none of the medication dispensing and delivery is affected.

Under the supervision of our campus Director of Environmental Services John Ribeiro, also our safety committee chairman, we have developed and implemented policies and

procedures to respond to emergencies and disasters in compliance with The Joint Commission, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and Homeland Security guidelines. These policies and procedures have been created as a result of our annual Hazard Vulnerability Assessment that helps us determine our high risk events.

The Natick campus is also an active member of the Massachusetts Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan for Evacuation (MassMAP), and we are registered with the HANN (Health and Homeland Alert Network).

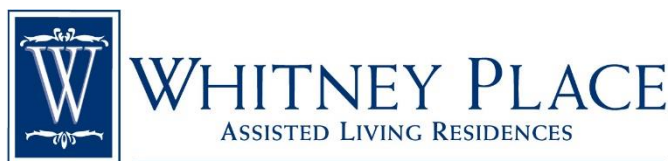
We keep our staff informed of our plans through educational programs and utilization of practice drills with disaster scenarios.

Like the rest of the world, we may encounter a disaster or situation that stretches our resources. Residents, clients and their families should feel confident we have the proper personnel and mechanisms in place to manage most types of situations, and we ask everyone to follow the instructions of staff members while on campus during an emergency.

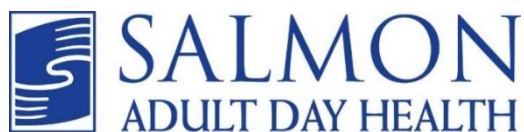
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To make communication during a potential emergency situation as efficient as possible, we ask that you or your family:

- Inform all family members who the point-person is for the entire family.
- Confirm that all contact information is up-to-date and correct.
- Share communicated updates with the rest of your family.
- Complete a "phone tree" of names, phone numbers and addresses to be used by the point-person.



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