General Safety and Emergency Codes
## Codes

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<th>CODE</th>
<th>Implications</th>
<th>Role of Volunteer</th>
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<td><strong>CODE BLUE</strong></td>
<td>Medical Emergency-Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest</td>
<td>Stand back, escort family and visitors away from the situation if you are able</td>
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<td><strong>CODE RED</strong></td>
<td>Fire</td>
<td>Look for direction from the area supervisor on how you can assist, close doors, only evacuate under direction of supervisor</td>
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<td><strong>CODE ORANGE</strong></td>
<td>Hazardous Material Spill</td>
<td>Do NOT attempt to clean up spill, direct others away from the spill.</td>
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<td><strong>CODE PINK</strong></td>
<td>Infant/Child Abduction</td>
<td><strong>ALL</strong> personnel (including Volunteers) need to be aware and observe their surroundings (check all stairwells, elevators, and doors) for suspicious or unusual circumstances and call Security if any are noted</td>
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<td><strong>CODE SILVER</strong></td>
<td>Unauthorized person with weapon</td>
<td>Secure self in safe location; assist in closing doors in your area. Do NOT seek to assist in locating the individual.</td>
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<td>CLEAR</td>
<td>Code or alert cancelled</td>
<td>Return to normal duties as a volunteer.</td>
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**“PLAIN LANGUAGE- CLEAR TEXT”**  
Be aware of announcements overhead and share information as needed.
In case of FIRE? Key Words provide direction.

**RACE** (Rescue, Alarm, Confine/Contain, Extinguish/Evacuate)
Using a Fire Extinguisher

- **P** – Pull the pin
- **A** – Aim at the base of the fire
- **S** – Squeeze the handle
- **S** – Sweep the nozzle from side to side across the base of the fire

☆ Make sure you are able to exit the room, keep your back towards the exit.

☆ If the fire is bigger than a small garbage can an extinguisher will not put out the fire

☆ Do not enter a room if the fire is too large. If a door is warm, do not open it.
Fire Alarm Pull Boxes

- Located near exits and stairwells
- Look for them in your department and know where they are.
Keep Hallways Clear

Clutter in corridors will make it difficult to evacuate. You must maintain an 8 foot clearance in all patient care areas. Never block pull boxes, fire doors, fire extinguishers, exits, or any other life safety features. Electrical panel require 3 ft. clearance.
Remember
We all work together to create a Safe Work Environment