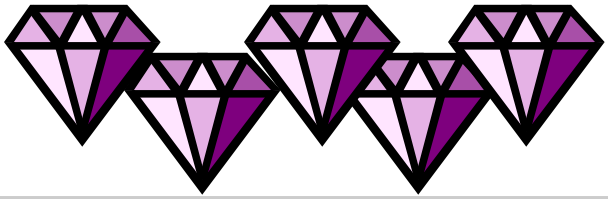
Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Education Department

Joint Commission 2009 Series



JOINT COMMISION JEWELS

Trinitas Hospital Fire

Procedure:

R.A.C.E.

- **Rescue: anyone in immediate danger**
- **Alarm: pull the nearest fire alarm. Call 5050 with details**
- **Contain: close all doors and windows**
- **Extinguish: fire with a fire extinguisher using P.A.S.S. (if possible). Evacuate those in danger**

P.A.S.S.

- **Pull the pin**
- **Aim the nozzle at base of fire**
- **Squeeze the handle**
- **Sweep nozzle back and forth at base of fire**

Remember:

- **Do not panic**
- **Do not use elevators**
- **Do not shout "Fire"**

EMERGENCY CODES:

CODE RED: Fire

CODE BLUE: Adult medical emergency

CODE WHITE: Pediatric medical emergency

CODE PINK: Infant/Child abduction

CODE YELLOW: Bomb threat

CODE GRAY: Security Emergency/ Patient elopement

CODE ORANGE: Hazardous spill

CODE TRIAGE: Disaster Internal/ external

CODE SILVER: Person with weapon/ hostage situation

Code Amber: Missing child

Code Clear: Situation cleared

Fire Safety and Emergency Codes

Hospital Safety Officer: Robert Donegan (ext. 5026)

Director of Risk Management: Debbie Dolan (ext. 5153)

In case of Emergency dial: 5050

REMEMBER: Code Clear: The situation has been cleared

CODE RED Highlights:

- Walk, do not run! Remain calm! Do not panic!
- Close all doors and windows
- If you need to go through a fire door, make sure it shuts and latches behind you
- Report immediately to your assigned unit
- Use of telephone is limited to emergency calls
- Use of elevators reserved for Fire Department
- Keep hallways clear for Emergency Personnel
- Make sure all Fire Exits and stairways are clear of obstruction-At all times
- Horizontal evacuation (moving from one smoke compartment to another compartment—on the same level)
- Vertical evacuation (moving from one floor to a safer floor, always downward! The exception is the basement that will evacuate to the first level.)
- Clinical staff—know where the medical gas shutoff valves are located on your unit. Never shut off the valves unless authorized to do so by the Nurse Administrator.

Take the Joint Commission Challenge:
Can you answer the following questions?

1. **Where are the fire extinguishers located in your work area?**
2. **What is the emergency code for an infant/child abduction?**
3. **Is smoking allowed in Trinitas Regional Medical Center?**
4. **What is the procedure to have a piece of equipment repaired?**
5. **What is an MSDS? Where can you find one?**