

F-TAG #	REGULATION	GUIDANCE TO SURVEYORS
<p>F517</p>	<p>§483.75(m) Disaster and Emergency Preparedness</p> <hr/> <p>§483.75(m)(1)</p> <p>The facility must have detailed written plans and procedures to meet all potential emergencies and disasters, such as fire, severe weather, and missing residents.</p>	
<p>F518</p>	<p>§483.75(m)(2)</p> <p>The facilities must train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin to work in the facility, periodically review the procedures with existing staff, and carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.</p>	<p>Interpretive Guidelines §483.75(m)</p> <p>The facility should tailor its disaster plan to its geographic location and the types of residents it serves. “Periodic review” is a judgment made by the facility based on its unique circumstances. Changes in physical plant or changes external to the facility can cause a review of the disaster review plan</p> <p>The purpose of a “staff drill” is to test the efficiency, knowledge, and response of institutional personnel in the event of an emergency. Unannounced staff drills are directed at the responsiveness of staff, and care should be taken not to disturb or excite residents.</p> <p>Procedures; §483.75(m)</p> <p>Review disaster and emergency preparedness plans, including plans for natural or man made disasters.</p>

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<p>F518 cont.</p>		<p>Probes: §483.75(m)</p> <p>Ask two staff persons separately (e.g., nurse aide, housekeeper, maintenance person) and the charge nurse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the fire alarm goes off, what do you do? • If you discover that a resident is missing, what do you do? • What would you do if you discovered a fire in a resident's room? • Where are fire alarms and fire extinguisher(s) located on this unit? • How do you use the fire extinguisher? <p>NOTE: Also, construct probes relevant to a geographically specific natural emergencies (e.g., for areas prone to hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, or floods, each of which may require a different response).</p> <p>Are the answers to these questions correct (staff answers predict competency in assuring resident safety)?</p>
<p>F519</p>	<p>§483.75(n) Transfer Agreement</p> <p>(1) In accordance with section 1861(1) of the Act, the facility (other than a nursing facility which is located in a State on an Indian reservation) must have in effect a written transfer</p>	