

2VAC40-72-960. Emergency equipment and supplies.

A. A complete first aid kit shall be on hand at the facility, located in a designated place that is easily accessible to staff but not to residents. The kit shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:

1. Activated charcoal (use only if instructed by physician or Poison Control Center);
2. Adhesive tape;
3. Antiseptic ointment;
4. Band-aids (assorted sizes);
5. Blankets (disposable or other);
6. Disposable single use breathing barriers/shields for use with rescue breathing or CPR (CPR mask or other type);
7. Cold pack;
8. Disposable single use waterproof gloves;
9. Gauze pads and roller gauze (assorted sizes);
10. Hand cleaner (e.g., waterless hand sanitizer or antiseptic towelettes);
11. Plastic bags;
12. Scissors;
13. Small flashlight and extra batteries;
14. Syrup of ipecac (use only if instructed by physician or Poison Control Center);
15. Thermometer;
16. Triangular bandages;
17. Tweezers; and
18. The first aid instructional manual.

Items with expiration dates must not have dates that have already passed.

B. In facilities that have a motor vehicle that is used to transport residents and in a motor vehicle used for a field trip, there shall be a first aid kit on the vehicle, located in a designated place that is accessible to staff but not residents, that includes items as specified in subsection A of this section.

C. First aid kits shall be checked at least monthly to assure that all items are present and items with expiration dates are not past their expiration date.

D. Each facility with six or more residents shall be able to connect by July 1, 2007, to a temporary emergency electrical power source for the provision of electricity to provide the services listed below in the event of an emergency that disrupts electrical power to the facility. The installation of the emergency power source shall be in compliance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, 13VAC5-63.

1. The emergency electrical power shall be sufficient to provide the following services:
 - a. Heating and cooling as required by 22VAC40-72-860 in an area that provides no less than 40 square feet of floor area per resident;
 - b. Lighting as required by 22VAC40-72-870 in an area that provides no less than 40 square feet of floor area per resident;
 - c. Refrigeration adequate to preserve food and medications that require refrigeration; and
 - d. Operation of any necessary medical equipment.
2. The provision of emergency electrical power may be supplied by:
 - a. An emergency generator available on-site; or
 - b. A written agreement with a company or other entity that will provide an emergency generator within four hours of notification.

E. The following emergency lighting shall also be available at all times:

1. Flashlights or battery lanterns with one light for each employee directly responsible for resident care who is on duty between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m.
2. One operable flashlight or battery lantern for each bedroom used by residents and for the living and dining area unless there is a provision for emergency lighting in the adjoining hallways.
3. Open flame lighting is prohibited.

F. There shall be an alternative form of communication in addition to the telephone such as a cell phone, two-way radio, or ham radio.

G. The facility shall ensure the availability of a 96-hour supply of emergency food and drinking water, emergency generator fuel, and oxygen for residents using oxygen.

Statutory Authority

§§63.2-217 and 63.2-1732 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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