

---

**CHAPTER 26: ICF/IID SERVICES**

---

**SECTION 26.9: EMERGENCY AWARENESS****PAGE(S) 1**

---

**EMERGENCY AWARENESS****Disaster Preparedness**

The Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) must have written procedures complete with instructions to be followed in the event of an internal or external disaster such as fire or other emergency actions that include:

- Specifications of evacuation routes and procedures;
- Instructions for the care of injuries and/or casualties (beneficiary and personnel) arising from such disaster;
- Procedures for the prompt transfer of records;
- Instructions regarding methods of containing fire; and
- Procedures for notifications of appropriate persons.

**Employee Training**

All ICF/IID employees must be trained in disaster preparedness in accordance with licensing regulations and federal certification requirements. Training must be part of employment orientation and ongoing training.

Disaster preparedness must include drills for all personnel so that each employee promptly and correctly carries out his/her specific role in the event of a disaster. The facility shall periodically rehearse these procedures for disaster preparedness. The minimum requirements shall be fire drills once each quarter for each shift for a minimum of 12 fire drills annually. In addition to drills for emergencies due to fire, the facility shall conduct at least one drill per year for emergencies due to a disaster other than fire, such as storm, flood, and other natural disaster.