

# STRAC Regional Hospital Common Emergency Codes (CEC) List

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The STRAC EMS/Hospital Disaster Group (EHDG), as the designated regional disaster preparedness committee for Hospitals and EMS, has developed a *recommended* list of Common Emergency Codes (CEC) for use in the hospitals. The Common Emergency Codes list will assist with compliance for nursing and other hospital employees that frequently change employers and agency nurses who work in multiple hospitals. The common emergency codes list will also assist physicians who have privileges at multiple facilities.

The common emergency codes list was developed over the past six months in the EHDG Hospital Plans Workgroup by gathering codes from across the region's hospitals and determining where commonalities exist. In many hospitals, the codes were already aligned. In other hospitals, there simply were not codes assigned to the various functions yet. A draft document was circulated and a 45 day comment period allowed for input from all hospitals in the region.

The Nurse Executive Forum and the GSAHC Physician Quality Forum have provided support for the recommended common emergency codes list. The main EHDG group made the final approval on March 21, 2008 for integration into the Regional Medical Disaster Plan.

Code	Clear Text	Description
<b>Red</b>	Fire	
<b>Blue</b>	Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest	
<b>Pink</b>	Infant/Child Abduction	Call code: age: location
<b>Silver</b>	Child/Adult Lost/Eloped	Call code: age: location
<b>Black</b>	Bomb Threat	
<b>Grey</b>	Disaster (activate plan)	Call code: description
<b>Green</b>	Combative Person	
<b>Orange</b>	HazMat	
<b>White</b>	Armed Intruder/Active Shooter	
<b>Yellow</b>	Utility Failure	Call code: affected utility
<b>Purple</b>	Available	
<b>Amber</b>	Available	
<b>Brown</b>	Available	
<b>Violet</b>	Available	