

# CODE PURPLE

## Emergency Response TORNADO

### What does it Mean?

Code Purple is the designated phrase to alert staff that a possible Tornado is in effect and staff must respond to the emergency preparedness listed below.

### What to do?

- Charge Nurse will do the following:
- If a Tornado warning is in effect a CODE PURPLE will be announced over the Paging system located on all phones by pushing the page button. **ANNOUNCE CODE PURPLE X 3**
- The Executive Director or Designate will use the emergency communications system to alert all staff that a CODE PURPLE is in effect.
- The charge Nurse and or designate will instruct the staff at the home to take residents out of their rooms and place in the hallways away from any windows
- All room doors should be shut in the case of high winds which could break windows or glass.
- To remove residents who are total lift, unlock the brakes on the bed and maneuver the bed into the hallway.
- Do not block passage in hallways in the event a CODE GREEN is necessary. Keep equipment and residents on the right side of the hallways leaving a passage for emergency personal if required
- Call 911 if there is an emergency inside the home.
- Instruct residents/staff and visitors not to leave the building
- The Charge Nurse or Designate will **ANNOUNCE 3xs CODE PURPLE ENDED** using the paging system.