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## S5 Hospitals and Rest Homes (NCI 27)

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### **Purpose**

This document provides for:

- safe and effective operations at hospital and rest home incidents.

### **Instructions for Hospitals and Rest Homes**

#### **Executive Officers' responsibilities**

Chief Fire Officers will issue a procedure for incidents at hospitals or rest homes, when it is relevant to the Fire District.

Fire Region Managers will ensure that when relevant, every Fire District in the Fire Region has a procedure in accordance with this instruction.

#### **Local procedures**

Local procedures will:

- ensure that any operational plans are compatible with any on-site emergency plans
- include:
  - automatic upgrade to a greater alarm
  - appropriate evacuation options (such as partial, staged or total evacuation)
  - reference to any approved scheme for staged evacuation
  - incidents occurring when operating theatres are in use
  - ventilation.

Operational plans will include provision for liaison with:

- duty management/medical staff
- ambulance personnel
- evacuation wardens
- Police.

### **Special risks**

Tactical and risk plans should include how to deal with:

- intellectually or physically disabled patients
- patients on life support
- intensive care facilities
- bio-hazards
- multi-storeyed buildings
- x-ray and laboratory facilities
- hazardous substances such as oxygen supplies or radioactive materials
- patients requiring restraint
- staged evacuations.

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