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PREPARE. RESPOND. PROTECT.

EMERGENCY COLOUR CODES IN AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALS



RECOGNISE THE CODE • TAKE ACTION • PROTECT LIVES



**CODE
RED**

FIRE OR SMOKE

Fire, smoke or fire-alarm activation.
Evacuate if instructed and
follow fire procedures.



**CODE
BLUE**

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Cardiac arrest or other
urgent medical deterioration.
Assist if trained and follow
clinical emergency procedures.



**CODE
PURPLE**

BOMB THREAT

Threatened or suspected
explosive device.
Remain calm and follow
evacuation or lockdown instructions.



**CODE
YELLOW**

INTERNAL EMERGENCY

Power, water, gas, ICT or medical
gas failure, flooding, structural
damage, hazardous material spill
or trapped persons.
Follow instructions and conserve
resources where required.



**CODE
BLACK**

PERSONAL THREAT

Aggressive person, assault, robbery,
armed hold-up or illegal occupancy.
Move to safety and follow
lockdown procedures.



**CODE
GREY**

LOWER-RISK PERSONAL THREAT

Threatening behaviour or person
causing concern but no immediate
risk of violence.
Report and follow local procedures.



**CODE
BROWN**

EXTERNAL EMERGENCY

Major transport or industrial accident,
natural disaster, infectious outbreak
or terrorism.
Follow instructions and monitor
official updates.



**CODE
ORANGE**

EVACUATION

Partial or complete movement
from an unsafe area.
Evacuate via the safest route
as directed.



INTERNAL



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TOGETHER WE CREATE A SAFER HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT