

**CHAPTER 209. FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS  
FOR LONG-TERM CARE NURSING FACILITIES**

**FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY**

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**Cross References**

This chapter cited in 55 Pa. Code § 6100.2 (relating to applicability).

**FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY**

**§ 209.1. Fire department service.**

The telephone number of the emergency services serving the facility shall be posted by the telephones in each nursing station, office and appropriate place within the facility.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 209.1 amended under section 803 of the Health Care Facilities Act (35 P.S. § 448.803); and section 2102(g) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 532(g)).

**Source**

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**§ 209.2. [Reserved].**

**Source**

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**§ 209.3. Smoking.**

(a) Policies regarding smoking shall be adopted. The policies shall include provisions for the protection of the rights of the nonsmoking residents. The

smoking policies shall be posted in a conspicuous place and in a legible format so that they may be easily read by residents, visitors and staff.

(b) Proper safeguards shall be taken against the fire hazards involved in smoking.

(c) Adequate supervision while smoking shall be provided for those residents who require it.

(d) Smoking by residents in bed is prohibited unless the resident is under direct observation.

(e) Smoking is prohibited in a room, ward or compartment where flammable liquids, combustible gases or oxygen is used or stored, and in other hazardous locations. The areas shall be posted with "NO SMOKING" signs.

(f) Ash trays of noncombustible material and safe design shall be provided in areas where smoking is permitted.

(g) Noncombustible containers with self-closing covers shall be provided in areas where smoking is permitted.

#### Authority

The provisions of this § 209.3 amended under section 803 of the Health Care Facilities Act (35 P.S. § 448.803); and section 2102(g) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 532(g)).

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### § 209.4. [Reserved].

#### Source

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### § 209.5. [Reserved].

#### Source

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### § 209.6. [Reserved].

#### Source

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**§ 209.7. Disaster preparedness.**

(a) The facility shall have a comprehensive written disaster plan which shall be developed and maintained with the assistance of qualified fire, safety and other appropriate experts. It shall include procedures for prompt transfer of casualties and records, instructions regarding the location and use of alarm systems and signals and fire fighting equipment, information regarding methods of containing fire, procedures for notification of appropriate persons and specifications of evacuation routes and procedures. The written plan shall be made available to and reviewed with personnel, and it shall be available at each nursing station and in each department. The plan shall be reviewed periodically to determine its effectiveness.

(b) A diagram of each floor showing corridors, line of travel, exit doors and location of the fire extinguishers and pull signals shall be posted on each floor in view of residents and personnel.

(c) All personnel shall be instructed in the operation of the various types of fire extinguishers used in the facility.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 209.7 amended under section 803 of the Health Care Facilities Act (35 P. S. § 448.803); and section 2102(g) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P. S. § 532(g)).

**Source**

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**§ 209.8. Fire drills.**

(a) Fire drills shall be held monthly. Fire drills shall be held at least four times per year per shift at unspecified hours of the day and night.

(b) A written report shall be maintained of each fire drill which includes date, time required for evacuation or relocation, number of residents evacuated or moved to another location and number of personnel participating in a fire drill.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 209.8 amended under section 803 of the Health Care Facilities Act (35 P. S. § 448.803); and section 2102(g) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P. S. § 532(g)).

**Source**

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