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RELATED DOCUMENTATION / POLICIES

INTERNAL

- Emergency Evacuation Plan
- Floor Plans
- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for WSN

EXTERNAL

- Workwell Element 4.2.c.
- Applicable legislation
- Ontario Fire Code

Policy Statement	Appropriate response to foreseeable emergencies provides for the safety of workers, contractors and visitors.
Purpose	To provide for an effective response should an emergency arises.
Scope	WSN's North Bay Office
Responsibility & Authority	HR Specialist Others as identified within policy

POLICY

In order to address specific situations where emergencies may arise, the Emergency Plan has been created to address each of the foreseeable conditions requiring response.



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The Emergency Plan contains the following sections related to emergency conditions:

PRESIDENT & CEO

- 1. To ensure the proper number of extinguishers required based on the requirements of applicable codes.
- **2.** To ensure that any modifications that may have affected the correct selection, adequate number, and appropriate location of emergency equipment are evaluated to ensure compliance.
- **3.** Ensure emergency equipment maintainers, emergency equipment inspectors and users are provided with proper training.
- **4.** Approve all individual emergency response plans.

HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

- 1. Post and maintain in the workplace a copy of all required Floor Plans and Evacuation Procedure.
- **2.** First Aid station is maintained according to the WSIA Regulation 1101.
- 3. Under normal working conditions ensure:
 - **a.** All emergency exits are free of obstruction inside and outside.
 - **b.** Emergency equipment is available for use.
 - **c.** Access to emergency equipment is not obstructed.
 - **d.** Workers reporting to this location know the Emergency Evacuation Plan.
- 4. Ensure that employees requiring an individual emergency response plan have been identified and provided with one.

JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE & BUILDING MARSHALL

Monthly Inspections of:

- 1. First aid stations.
- 2. Exits and associated roués internal and external.
- 3. Fire extinguishers
- 4. "Air Horns"
- 5. Emergency Lighting
- 6. Assist or review the preparation of emergency response plans

TRAINING

- **1.** Fire extinguisher training will be conducted on an annual basis and records maintained by Human Resources. Training will consist of both classroom and hands-on training.
- 2. Fire drills will be held at a minimum once per year.
- 3. The JHSC and Building Marshall will be instructed in emergency equipment inspection methods.



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EVALUATION

These policy and procedures will be reviewed as changes occur or in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety document review policy schedule.

ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS		
JHSC	Joint Health & Safety Committee	
OFC	Ontario Fire Code	
RIE	Regulation for Industrial Establishments	
OHSA	Occupational Health & Safety Act (Ontario)	
WSIA	Workplace Safety & Insurance Act	

CHANGES TRACKING LOG		
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September 5, 2014	Addition of "individual emergency response plans" – AODA compliance	

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- 1. Formatted May 2012.
- 2. Reviewed by CEO, October 11, 2012
- 3. Reviewed by JH&SC February 28, 2014
- 4. Reviewed by JH&SC September 5, 2014