

# EXTERNAL EMERGENCY CODE BROWN

## CODE BROWN – EXTERNAL DISASTER

The Code Brown External Disaster plan for the Mount Gambier & District Health Services Inc will be implemented in the event of an:

- External disaster or major emergency, encompassing a range of situations, where the resources of the facility will be stretched to capacity.
- A significant internal emergency, such as fire, that may warrant activation of the disaster plan.
- Where an external or internal event impacts on the structural integrity or essential services within the organization/building, (this plan would then be implemented in conjunction with other emergency plans e.g. Code Yellow)

The Disaster Plan is a separate document to these procedures but activation of the plan may occur when the Senior Nurse acting as the Chief Warden is advised of a potential disaster or where an incident at the Mt Gambier and District Health Service is subject to an incident that impacts on the critical operation of the facility.

Implementation of this plan will be flexible, which will require judgement when making decisions about the level of Code Brown responses required.

Decision-making about the level of Code Brown response required will take into account factors including:

- Nature of the disaster;
- Likely duration of the situation;
- Location of the incident;
- Time of day;
- Availability of resources - human and material;
- Number of casualties;
- Nature of injuries.

The Senior Nurse acting as the Chief Warden will upon notification of a disaster/major emergency try to obtain as much information as possible about the event, including location, time of the event, nature of the event, emergency services involved, and the number of likely casualties.

That staff member must then immediately notify the CEO/DON to activate the Disaster Plan.

Upon activation staff will comply with the Disaster Plan's requirements as to assessment, recording and responding to the disaster as directed.