Colour Code Quick Reference Guide

Refer to the site Emergency Response and Code Manual for site specific procedures

Code		Who can activate	Who responds	What to do
Red	**Fire**	Anyone discovering smoke or fire	• All staff • Code Red Response Team • Fire Department	**R**emove people **A**ctivate alarm **C**ontain smoke/fire **E**xtinguish/Evacuate
Blue*	**Cardiac Arrest Medical Emergency** *Adult/Pediatric where applicable	Anyone who finds a person in an immediate medical emergency	• Code Blue Team	Make way for Code Blue Team, give assistance as directed
White	**Violence/Aggressive Behaviour**	Anyone who witnesses violent/aggressive behaviour	• Code White Team • Security	Assist as trained to do so or as directed
Yellow	**Missing Patient/ Resident**	Charge Nurse/ Designate	• All staff	Refer to missing patient/resident description, search area
Green	**Evacuation**	Leader On-Call/Designate	• All staff	Prepare to assist with evacuation and/or receive patients in your work area
Orange	**Mass Casualty/ Disaster**	Leader On-Call/Designate	• All staff	Activate functional area or departmental plan as directed
Black	**Bomb Threat**	Leader On-Call/Designate	• All staff • Security • Police	Give assistance as directed, conduct a visual search of your area for unusual objects
Brown	**Hazardous Spill**	Supervisor/Designate when spill/leak meets workplace health guidelines	• Contracted Chemical Response Team	Keep yourself and others away from spill
Grey	**System Failure**	Leader On-Call/Designate	• System specialists	Give assistance as directed, refer to downtime and code procedures
Pink	**Obstetric/Neonatal Emergency**	Clinical staff in designated units	• Code Pink Team	Make way for Code Pink Team
Amber	**Missing or Abducted Infant/Child**	Manager/Designate	• All staff	Refer to missing or abducted infant/child description, search area
Silver	**Active Attacker**	Anyone who discovers/ witnesses/encounters an active attacker	• All staff • Police	• RUN if there is a safe escape route • HIDE if you cannot evacuate • FIGHT if your life is in IMMINENT danger

Consider your safety first in any emergency