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TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR HOSPICE CLIENTS

What You Need to Know:

In the event of a natural disaster or environmental hazard, Tabitha has procedures in place that may affect Tabitha Hospice Clients.

Here is important information about evacuation procedures that are used in the event of an emergency. Tabitha Hospice, along with the help of government, law enforcement, first responders and crisis management agencies, will work to help protect your loved one receiving our services.

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Hospice Emergency Preparedness

What you need to know for you or your loved one's safety

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Emergency Evacuation Plan

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommends all Clients utilizing a hospice care agency establish a personalized, safe emergency evacuation plan upon admission.

Clients and their caregiver/ family and/or responsible party will be educated on the agency procedures and how to stay safe during an emergency situation or natural disaster.

Upon declaration of an emergency, the Tabitha Hospice Administrator or a member of Tabitha's Incident Command System (ICS) will assess the current emergency and determine the need for possible evacuations and alternate locations.

In the event that emergency personnel determine an evacuation must take place or a Client needs to shelter in place for the duration of the event, the following procedures will occur:

1 A member of the Tabitha Hospice team will:

- Notify the Client and their caregiver/ family and/or responsible party of the emergency situation in their region
- Confirm the caregiver/family and/or responsible party is able to transport the Client to another location if necessary and provide care in the interim, in cases of an evacuation
- Verify primary contact and phone numbers for caregiver/family and/or responsible party
- Confirm the new location of the Client, update the record and inform the care team so visits can resume

2 If the Client resides in an Assisted Living Facility (ALF), they will be directed to follow the ALF emergency plan. Tabitha Hospice TEAMembers will maintain contact with the Client and the ALF to determine care needs during the emergency and how the ALF can help.

3 If the Client lives in a standard apartment or independent living building, it is important for the Client or caregiver/ family and/or responsible party to know if the Client is capable of navigating the evacuation by themselves or if they need assistance from others to evacuate; it is also important to know the floor plan of the building and evacuation route to safety.

4 If a Client must evacuate their residence, these are some important items to take along:

- All medications, including the bottles and over-the-counter medications they may need
- Important phone numbers: family, physician and Tabitha Hospice
- Cell phone and charger
- All equipment: walker, wheelchair, oxygen, CPAP, nebulizer
- Other treatment items: wound dressings, drain/feeding supplies

5 If a Client loses power or becomes concerned, they should contact their caregiver/family and/or responsible party to make other arrangements, or call the Tabitha Hospice team for assistance.

6 If Tabitha Hospice is not able to contact a Client during an emergency, we will communicate with community partners to check on the Client.