

**Kentucky Hospital Association
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Recommended Emergency Codes**

CODE NAME	EVENT/Plain Language Description
CODE BLACK	BOMB/BOMB THREAT
CODE YELLOW	DISASTER PLAN ACTIVATION (Internal or External)
CODE RED	FIRE
CODE ORANGE	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL/RELEASE (Internal/External)
CODE BLUE	MEDICAL EMERGENCY (Adult or Pediatric)
CODE SILVER	ACTIVE SHOOTER/PERSON WITH A WEAPON HOSTAGE SITUATION

WEATHER RELATED	EVENT/Plain Language Description
Plain Speech/Text	SEVERE WEATHER (Watch or Warning)
Plain Speech/Text	SHELTER IN PLACE (With Instructions)
Plain Speech/Text	SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN
Plain Speech/Text	TORNADO (Watch or Warning)

It is recommended that the use of other codes be standardized using *common plain language* or codes at the regional level where possible.