
Concept Note for Training on Fire Safety Management for Health Facilities

Background:

Fire is a serious threat to the individual and property of any organization. Fires cause numerous injuries, deaths and losses of assets in organizations each year. The public buildings including health facilities are more vulnerable to fire and losses of lives and property are also higher. Losses from fires are preventable by applying basic fire prevention principles and being prepared for emergencies.

Health facilities are critical in responding to emergencies and disasters. They are the among the frontline agencies that require to remain prepared for any hazardous events and first one to come in response action with other frontline agencies immediately as soon the hazardous event strikes. And, for that reason, it is very essential to ensure that the health facilities remain structurally safe and functional all the time. However, the hospital themselves are prone to the impacts of the various other hazards. While the pandemic COVID 19 is still a major concern, the recent incidents of fires in hospitals stressed on the need for necessary preventive, mitigation and preparedness measures to be taken by health facilities to avert or minimise the impacts of any such fire hazard incidents. The national disaster management guidelines for hospital safety 2016 of government of India aims to mainstream hazard prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and response measure within the health sector in India. Moreover, the National Policy on Disaster Management 2009 has also emphasized on the need of DRM training and capacity building of medical teams and paramedics.

GIDM being the apex institution in the field of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) in Gujarat has invested and initiated a range of capacity building and training programs on Fire Prevention, Life Safety and Fire Protection. GIDM is arranging this two days residential training for concerned key stakeholders who in future will be playing the pivotal role in preparing the DRM plan for their respective health facilities.

Topics like assessing the risk of Fire hazards in hospitals, preventing and mitigating it's impact if Fire hazard strikes, preparedness for response and various other Fire Safety Management topics are covered in this training.

Aim & Objective:

At the end of this training participants will be able to understand:

1. Measures of Fire Risk Assessment, Prevention and Mitigation.
2. Preparedness needs for response to fire hazard.
3. How to incorporate fire prevention , life safety and fire protection measures.

Target Group:

1. RMO (Medical College & Civil Hosp.)
2. RMO (District Hosp.)
3. Assistant Hospital Administrators (AHAs)
4. Engineers from PIU – NHM
5. Medical officers (CHCs & PHCs)
6. Administrative Officer (Medical College & Civil Hosp.)
7. Administrative Officer (District Hosp.)
8. Faculties (Emergency Medicine/surgery/Medicine)

Resource Persons:

1. Mr .K K Bishnoi – Director, State Fire Prevention Services
2. Mr. Nisarg Dave – Director (DM), GIDM
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Schedule:

A detailed schedule is available in Annexure- 1.