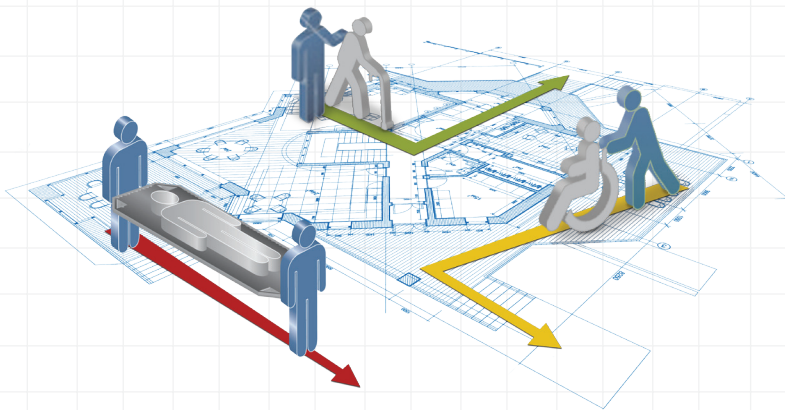


## DQE Hospital Evacuation Program

During various types of emergencies and disasters, hospital leaders are faced with decisions about how to operate and maintain an environment of care for patients, including when and how to evacuate the facility if it can no longer support adequate care, treatment, or services. The decision to partially or completely evacuate a hospital is a complex issue that must balance the nature of the threat against the risk patients and staff would face.



Many important issues should be considered when deciding between evacuating or safeguarding patients within the facility. What are the alternatives to evacuation? How does one best manage limited time, resources, and materiel when the full scope of the threat is unknown, constantly changing, and often difficult to predict? To mitigate the patient and staff safety risks evacuation presents, appropriate attention should be given to planning, training, and exercising the hospital's evacuation capability.

DQE helps hospitals develop evacuation plans that incorporate the fundamental principles of all-hazards emergency management. Evacuation programs become operational through a combination of training (onsite and online), planning documents and consulting services. With proper management, chaos is minimized, normal operations resume sooner, the cost of the event is monitored, safety is maximized, and there is more efficient use of personnel. The DQE programs covers alternatives to evacuation, emergent evacuation, urgent evacuation, and planned evacuation.

### Evacuation Category



#### Emergent evacuation

Flee to a safe area

(ex: fire) 



#### Urgent evacuation

Have up to 4 hours to evacuate

(ex: impending flood) 



#### Planned evacuation

Have up to 48 hours to evacuate

(ex: hurricane) 



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DQE is known for comprehensive programs that help hospitals prepare for emergencies through policy development, staff training, drills, and ongoing program support. The complete DQE hospital evacuation program consists of the following four components that can stand alone or be combined for a complete program.



**Onsite Evacuation Training** establishes a solid foundation for hospital leaders and department managers to better understand the nuances and complexities of the process in order to enhance the planning process. Training focuses on how to assess a situation, categorize patients for movement, establish and coordinate various movement teams and staging areas, and how to integrate the process of evacuation into the incident command system. Professional DQE instructors combine lecture, interactive tabletop exercise, and equipment demonstration to help hospital staff better understand evacuation and how to integrate the process into the hospital's emergency management program.



**Online Evacuation Training** makes hospital-wide staff training and skill refresher training easy, convenient, and cost-effective. DQE-on-Demand® uses professionally produced animation to teach procedures and demonstrate skills clearly and effectively. The comprehensive evacuation curriculum is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



**Hospital evacuation planning** is a collaborative process facilitated by DQE to develop a Hospital Evacuation Support Annex. This written facility-specific plan provides a concept of operations for evacuation functions, staff roles and responsibilities, and detailed evacuation procedures. It augments the hospital's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and incorporates the fundamental principles of all-hazards emergency management.

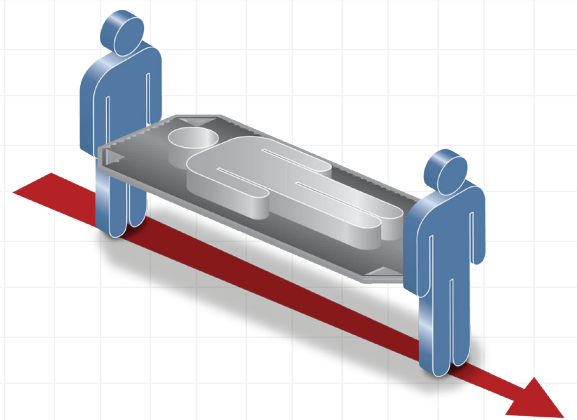


**Support Service** help you make evacuation equipment purchasing decisions, integrate the evacuation plan into your hospital's EOP, update your emergency management program, provide on-going training, or facilitate disaster exercises.

## About DQE

Since 1990, DQE has supplied hospitals and other healthcare facilities with the training, equipment, planning, and support to manage all-hazard events. Over 500 hospitals and 10,000 healthcare workers have come to trust DQE for consistent disaster preparedness.

The DQE founding partners and consulting staff use their experience from the front line – as emergency physicians, nurses, firefighters, and emergency managers – to design and enhance systems that are appropriate, practical, and sustainable.



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