

Annex D: Bomb Threat Policy and Procedure

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to inform staff of precautions to be taken in the event of a bomb threat.

The current national situation of increased bombings, bomb threats, and bomb scares must be given immediate consideration. In the past, the vast majority of bomb threats were hoaxes. However, the current trend nationally is that more of the threats are materializing.

Upon receipt of a bomb threat, it is impossible to know if it is real or a hoax. Therefore, precautions need to be taken for the safety of our residents and employees.

Procedure: If you receive a bomb threat over the phone, follow these procedures:

1. Keep the caller on the line as long as possible.
2. Ask the caller to repeat the message.
3. Ask the caller his/her name.
4. Ask the caller where the bomb is located.
5. Record every word spoken by the person making the call.
6. Record time call was received and terminated.
7. Inform the caller that the building is occupied and the detonation of a bomb could result in death or serious injury to many innocent people.
8. Complete the bomb threat form, attached, to record the caller's characteristics.

If possible, during the call, try to notify the charge nurse immediately. The charge nurse shall:

1. Call the Police Department at 9-1-1.
2. Call the Administrator if not present.
3. Organize staff to evacuate residents upon police or administrative order.

Once the Police have arrived:

- Keys shall be available so that searchers can inspect all rooms. Employee lockers will be searched. If padlocked, padlock will be cut off.
- The Administrator or designee shall remain with the Search Commander during the entire search to provide assistance and counsel during the search.
- If a suspected bomb is located within the building, the responsibility for investigation will be that of the law enforcement officials having jurisdiction over such matters.

Bomb Threat Telephone Procedure Form

Use the following template in the situation of a potential bomb threat

- [Homeland Security: Bomb Threat Checklist \(PDF\)](#)