

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES
DISASTER PLANNING GUIDE**

IDENTIFICATION: MODES OF COMMUNICATION

In accordance with the concepts of the Nursing Home Incident System (NHICS), it is important for facilities to identify all Modes of Communication in advance of an emergency or disaster.

Identify the types of communication modes that are available to this facility (check all that apply):

- Land Line Telephone System
- Analog Telephone (independent of Telephone System)
- Cell Phones- With Texting Capabilities
- Cell Phones- Without Texting Capabilities
- Pagers
- Satellite Phones
- Two-way Base Station Radio
- Two-way Portable Radios
- Two-way Radios Installed in Facility Vehicles
- Fire Department Radio (for direct communication with Fire Department)
- Overhead Public Address System
- Telephone- Based Public Address System
- Citizen Band Radios
- Ham Radios
- Computerized / Internet-Based Mass Communication System
- Internet Access- Wireless
- Internet Access- Cable
- AM / FM Radios with Self-Sustaining Power Source- Hand Crank or Solar
- Bull Horns
- Whistles

NHICS Form 205: Incident Communications Plan (Internal) should be utilized when NHICS has been activated and the Incident Commander makes IMT assignments. A copy of NHICS form 205 is included with this guide.





NHICS FORM 205 | INCIDENT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (INTERNAL)

1. INCIDENT NAME:				2. FACILITY NAME:			
3. DATE PREPARED:			4. TIME PREPARED:			5. OPERATIONAL PERIOD:	
6. BASIC CONTACT INFORMATION							
NAME	NHICS ASSIGNMENT	PHONE (PRIMARY & ALTERNATE)	FAX	E-MAIL	RADIO CHANNEL FREQUENCY	ALTERNATE COMMUNICATION DEVICE	COMMENTS
7. PREPARED BY (COMMUNICATIONS UNIT LEADER):							
8. APPROVED BY (LOGISTICS CHIEF):							

PURPOSE: DOCUMENT CONTACT INFORMATION/CHANNELS TO BE USED WITHIN FACILITY
ORIGINATION: SITUATION UNIT LEADER
COPIES TO: COMMAND STAFF, GENERAL STAFF, BRANCH DIRECTORS, & STAFF/SCHEDULING UNIT LEADER
NOTE: CAN BE PREFILLED BEFORE INCIDENT AND UPDATED AS NEEDED