

The Silvercrest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

is a unique center of excellence, dedicated to Giving Quality to Life for all whom it serves, including:

- ◆ Older and younger adults who are chronically ill or traumatized and who make Silvercrest their home.
- ◆ People who need rehabilitation before returning to an independent life.
- ◆ Ventilator-dependent patients who require weaning from ventilation.
- ◆ People with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias who need a nurturing and safe environment that promotes functioning.

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About Keeping Safe

Emergency Prevention
& Preparedness



Member

 **New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System**

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About Keeping Safe in an Emergency

What does Silvercrest do to prepare for emergencies?

Silvercrest is dedicated to keeping our residents, patients, visitors and employees safe under any and all circumstances. Recent steps have included:

- ◆ Working with experts to update our emergency management plan.
- ◆ Improving communication systems and seeking ways to keep us in contact during emergencies with other institutions and agencies, including the New York City Office of Emergency Management.
- ◆ Increasing our emergency provisions to allow us to safely shelter in place during an emergency.
- ◆ Installing and upgrading our bulk oxygen tank, allowing us to provide oxygen for up to a month without further delivery.
- ◆ Installing digital cameras around the facility and a new control system that allows access to employees through their identification badges.
- ◆ Building a co-generation plant, which gives us on-site ability to produce our own electricity, using generators and the City's power grid as backup.
- ◆ Participating in more City-wide emergency drills.
- ◆ Charting the facility's management chain of command in the event of an emergency.
- ◆ Training all employees to protect residents, patients and visitors should an emergency occur.

What should I do during an emergency drill?

Silvercrest conducts regular fire and safety drills. We appreciate your cooperation during these drills. Please clear hallways, do not use elevators, and follow staff directions.

What do I need to know about fire safety?

Silvercrest meets all regulations for a fire-safe environment including firewall construction and installation and inspection of fire doors, automatic sprinklers and smoke detectors. Silvercrest is also a smoke-free environment and smoking is prohibited in all areas of the facility. Additionally, heat-producing appliances, such as electric blankets, are not permitted in the facility.

What can I expect during a fire drill?

- ◆ A fire bell will ring.
- ◆ "Code Red" will be announced over the public address system.
- ◆ Fire doors will close automatically. (For this reason, you should never sit or stand near fire doors.)
- ◆ Visitors will remain where they are.
- ◆ Staff will provide further instructions.
- ◆ Staff will advise of the "all clear," indicating that the conditions are safe.

What should I do during an actual emergency?

Stay calm, stay put and follow instructions.