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Armed Intruder Full-Scale Exercise

(Atwood, KS) July 19, 2021 - Rawlins County Health Center will be performing a full-scale armed intruder exercise on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

Emergencies are a daily occurrence in a busy hospital environment and disaster exercises, particularly those using terrorism incident scenarios, are one of the best ways to evaluate our hospital's emergency management plans, equipment, and systems. In addition to the obvious training and preparedness advantages, having an effective exercise program is also a requirement under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) QSO-21-15 482.15(d)(2).

RCHC has previously performed an Armed Intruder Table Top exercise which allowed employees to receive a scenario and then talk it through on what they would do. A full-scale exercise differs from a table-top exercise in that all participants, including some community response partners, will actually demonstrate their response by "acting" out their process.

Given that you may hear lights and sirens approach the hospital and may hear shots fired, be assured this is only an exercise and it's not real. We do ask the populace of Atwood to stay away from the hospital and allow response vehicles to approach undeterred.

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