# **Student Guide**



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from Equipment, Contents, Architectural Elements and Building Utility Systems

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#### **Purpose**

Hospitals provide life-saving medical care on a daily basis to the communities that they serve. Communities expect the hospital staff to save lives in an emergency and to care for community members that have been severely injured or have become seriously ill. Earthquakes threaten your hospital's ability to carry out its responsibilities to care for the ill and injured. Past earthquakes around the world have destroyed hospitals or damaged them so that they could not function. These hospitals failed their communities in their hour of greatest need.

Reasonable measures can reduce the risk of earthquake damage and losses, and to keep hospitals functioning after an earthquake. This half-day training course will help you reduce one of the major sources of earthquake-related damage and losses: a hospital's medical equipment and supplies, contents, architectural elements, and building utility systems. Damage to these items has caused deaths, injuries, building functional loss, and economic loss in past earthquakes, even in cases in which the building structure itself was essentially undamaged. The course also provides a brief introduction to the other components necessary for keeping a hospital functional and safe: structural safety of hospital buildings, hospital emergency preparedness, and personal preparedness for the staff.

These training materials are based on GeoHazards International's manual entitled *Reducing Earthquake Risk in Hospitals from Equipment, Contents, Architectural Elements and Building Utility Systems*. An electronic copy of the manual is freely downloadable from the GeoHazards International website: <a href="http://www.geohaz.org/hospitalsafetymanual">http://www.geohaz.org/hospitalsafetymanual</a>.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Our objective is that you should be able to do the following after completing the course:

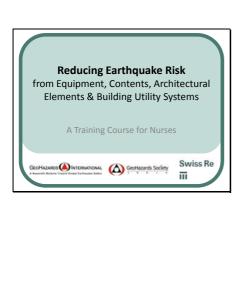
- 1. Understand why earthquake safety is important:
  - (a) Understand why hospitals need to function and continue to care for patients after an earthquake, and not just avoid collapse of the hospital's buildings;
  - (b) Understand what might happen to the hospital and its equipment, systems, architectural elements and contents if a strong earthquake occurred; and
  - (c) Understand the basics of earthquake hazard in the region (i.e., that earthquakes can affect their location, historical earthquakes that occurred in the area, etc.).
- 2. Understand how to reduce the damage and consequences caused by an earthquake:
  - (a) Know the basic elements of a hospital earthquake risk management program: risk assessment, building safety, securing objects and systems, preparedness planning and training/ practice;

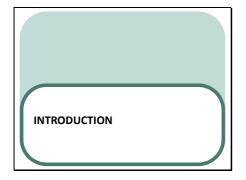


- (b) Recognize and understand how to anchor or relocate items than can fall, slide, or topple and break, interrupt life support, cause injury or block exits;
- (c) Recognize the need to work with facilities personnel to develop earthquake safety solutions that do not compromise functionality;
- (d) Know the basics of the hospital emergency planning process; and
- (e) Know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake.
- 3. Understand how you can participate in earthquake safety efforts:
  - (a) Know the options for your involvement: join safety committee, identify and anchor hazards, develop solutions, etc.
  - (b) Think about your potential role in the hospital's emergency preparedness plan; and
  - (c) Develop a family preparedness plan.



## **Presentation Notes**










#### Hospitals are Particularly at Risk



#### Preventing Collapse is Critical



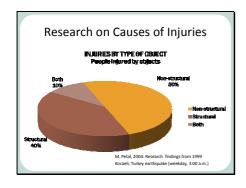
Building collapses usually kill the most people Most causes of collapse are well known to engineers

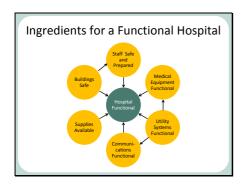
#### Preventing Collapse Is Not Enough







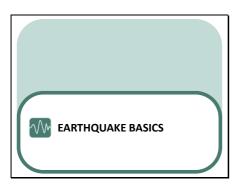




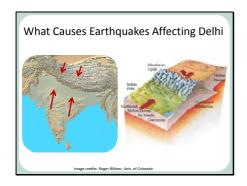


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Earthquake damage and consequences		
Identifying and mitigating risk		
Hospital emergency preparedness basics		
Personal and family preparedness		 
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9:50-11:00 Identifying and mitigating risk		
11:00-11:30 Tea Break		
11:30-12:00 Implementing risk reduction measures		
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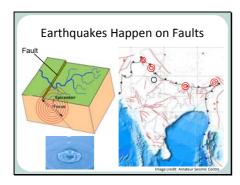


# Earthquakes Have Affected Delhi Earthquakes that caused damage in the Delhi region: •1505 Lo Mustang (Nepal border) earthquake •1720 Gharwal Himalayas earthquake •1803 Mathura earthquake Many other earthquakes felt in Delhi that luckily caused little or no damage

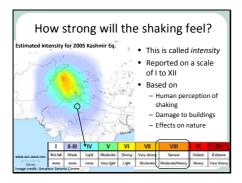


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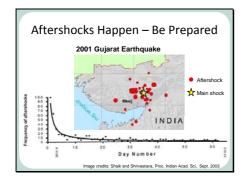










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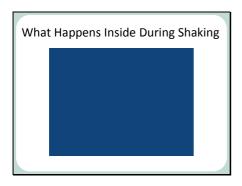






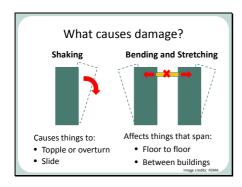


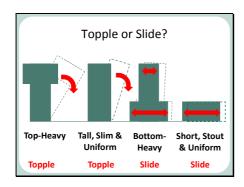




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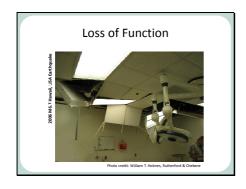


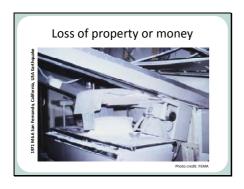
#### Consequences of Earthquake Damage

- Loss of life
- Loss of function
- Loss of property/money
- Loss of community confidence

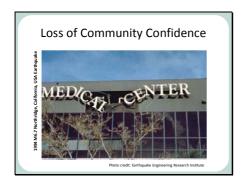


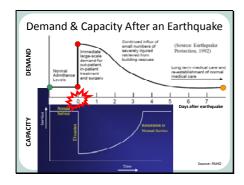












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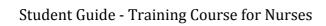


#### What can be a hazard?

In each department of the hospital, ask yourself :

- What can happen here?
- Will it hurt someone?
- Interrupt life support?
- Harm patients' health?



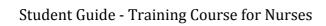








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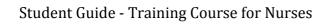
















#### Options for Reducing Risk

- Relocate
- Protect:
  - Anchor, brace or restrain against shakingor -
- Accommodate movement
- Plan for cleanup or breakage




#### Relocate

#### Objects that can:

- Block exits
- Fall on someone



#### Anchor, Brace or Restrain

#### Objects that can:

- Fall on someone
- Topple and break
- Block exits (if not able to relocate)



#### Accommodate Movement

Anywhere there is differential motion:

- Pipes, ducts, conduits between buildings or across joints
- Attachments to equipment and tanks
- Partitions





#### Plan for Cleanup or Breakage

Relocation or restraint may not be practical or possible for items such as:

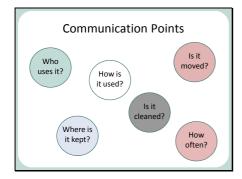
- Medical records
- Some mobile equipment
- Some items on trolleys
- Pharmacy



#### **Functionality Requirements**



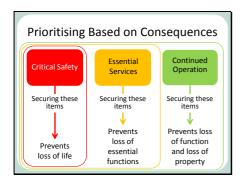




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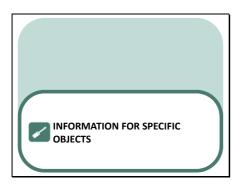


#### When to Get Help

- When you aren't comfortable doing it yourself
- You will need an engineer for:
  - Objects > 100 kg (too heavy for two people to lift)
  - Sensitive medical equipment; hazardous materials
- You will need a tradesperson for:
  - Any work involving building utility systems

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#### **Specific Categories of Objects**

- Medical equipment
- Furnishings and hospital admin systems
- Supplies
- Mechanical and electrical equipment
- Pipes, ducts and conduits
- Tanks and medical gases
- Architectural elements
- Lifts

#### Medical Equipment

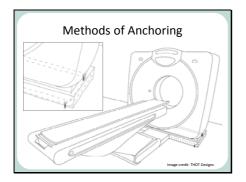
- Large floor-mounted equipment: Imaging/scanning, blood bank refrigerators
- Autoclaves and sterilizers
- Operation theatre lights
- Wheeled or trolley-mounted: radiant warmers, anaesthesia machines, ventilators
- Small wall-mounted equipment: monitors
- Laboratory bench-mounted equipment



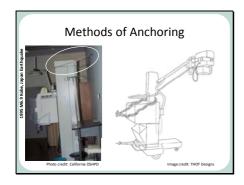






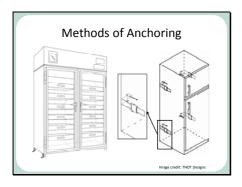








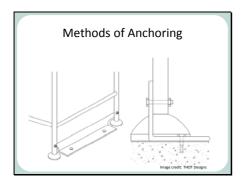






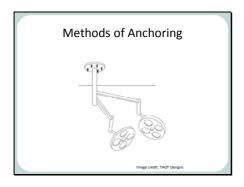






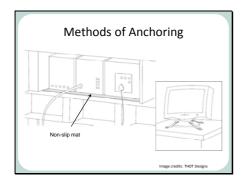


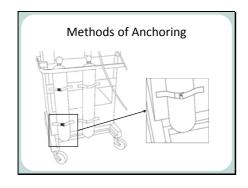









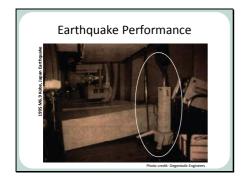


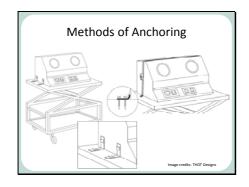




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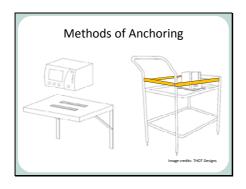




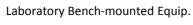










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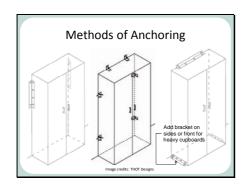
# Furnishings and Administrative Systems

- Cupboards
- File cabinets
- Medical records
- Computers











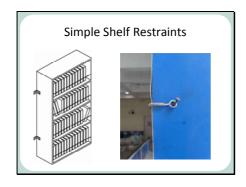












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#### Earthquake Damage



#### Methods of Anchoring





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#### Supplies

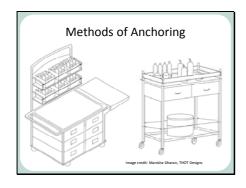
- On trolleys
- On racks
- Pharmacy
- Sterile storage

## On Trolleys



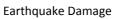




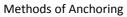














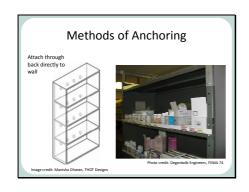
#### Pharmacy





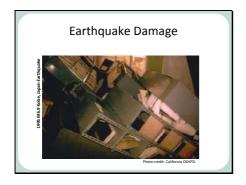

















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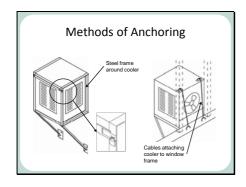
#### Mechanical and Electrical Equipment

- Emergency power: generators, batteries
- Electrical: transformers, cabinets, switchgear
- Fire-fighting: fire water pumps, extinguishers
- Communications: cabinets, rooftop equipment
- Cooling: chillers, cooling towers, rooftop units, window ACs and coolers
- Heating/hot water: Boilers, geysers

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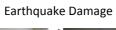




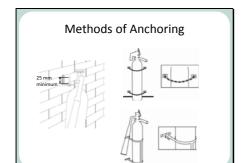












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#### **Architectural Elements**

- Parapets, sunshades, balcony walls
- Masonry partition walls
- Suspended ceilings
- Pendant light fixtures and ceiling fans
- Windows and glass
- Other items: jalies, decorative ceramic tile veneer, entrance canopies

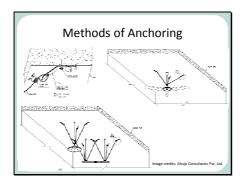
#### Pendant Light Fixtures and Fans



#### Earthquake Damage



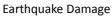








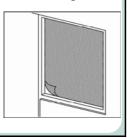




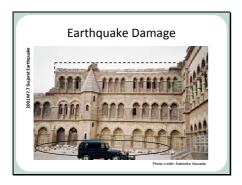
#### Methods of Anchoring

- Film is available in different thicknesses
- Can also be used for security purposes











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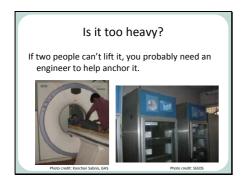


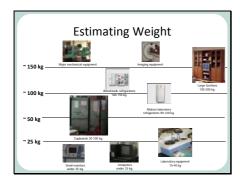
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- Will it hurt someone?	Control F
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– Harm patients' health?	Entered
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make detailed notes	









#### Is the brick wall strong enough?

• Two bricks wide (220 mm) and some rows of bricks turned sideways: objects 230kg or less



 If wall is one brick wide (110 mm) OR two bricks wide and no sideways bricks: anchor to a floorto-ceiling support called a strongback instead

#### Anchoring to Masonry Walls

- In concrete frames you must first verify that wall fits tightly against the beam at the top
- Install the right type of anchor according to manufacturer instructions
- Insert anchors into bricks, not mortar joints
- Check mortar condition with coin or small tool such as pen knife
- Consult an engineer for objects too heavy for two people to lift when working together

#### Anchoring to Concrete

- Install the right type of anchor according to manufacturer instructions
- Avoid rebar when drilling holes for anchors
- If you accidentally hit rebar, STOP drilling and relocate the hole DO NOT cut thru rebar
- Clean the dust out of the hole




#### Safety

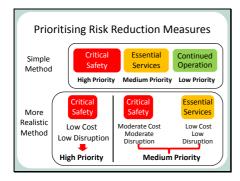
- Don't "do it yourself":
  - Electrical power systems
  - Inflammables and gases
  - Hazardous chemicals
- Heights
- Follow safety practices:
  - Use eye protection and tie back long hair when using drill machines or other power tools
  - Move heavy items properly to avoid back injuries

#### Planning & Coordination

Ask whether you need to:

- Take equipment out of service?
- Switch off utilities (electrical power, water)?
- Avoid times when the equipment sees heavy use?

Coordinate with hospital administration and facilities to plan for and minimize disruption






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#### Before an Earthquake

- Form a hospital safety committee
- Understand the hazards you face
- Assess your risk and impacts on operation
- Train your staff and drill regularly
- Make the following plans:
  - Mitigation plan

  - Emergency response planContinuity of operations plan
  - Continuity of business plan
- Identify alternative sites/facilities to operate from

#### **Hospital Safety Committee**

Representatives from all departments, including:

- Administration
- Nurses and doctors
- Medical departments: ED, Radiology, etc.
- Facilities/engineering
- Security
- Laboratory
- Housekeeping

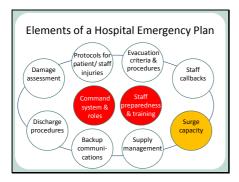



#### **Determine Hazards and Threats**

- Hazards:
- Earthquakes: shaking & secondary hazards like fire
- Floods
- Fire
- Cyclones
- Threats:
  - Epidemics
- Terrorist acts
- Multi-hazard assessment tools available

#### **Determine Vulnerability**

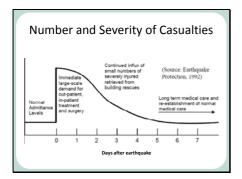
- Buildings
- Equipment, contents, architectural elements and building utility systems
- Access to and egress from buildings and site
- Transportation systems and utilities serving hospital

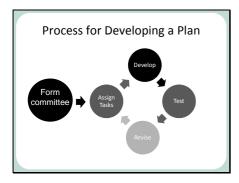





#### **Surge Capacity**

- Damaging earthquakes often:
  - Create mass casualties
  - Damage or affect the hospital directly  $\,$
- How will you handle the influx of patients?
- Where and how will you triage patients?
- Treat them?
- What will you do with the "walking wounded" and the "worried well"?





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#### Tasks and Plan Development

- Gather information:
- How are things done normally?
- $\boldsymbol{-}$  What would change after a disaster?
- $-\mbox{ How can we do things better?}$
- Identify needs and gaps
- Each portion of the plan will have specific tasks
- Someone will need to write each draft section

#### Testing the Plan

- Tabletop exercises
  - Simple
  - Enhanced
- Mock drills
- Large-scale exercises

#### **Incident Command System**

Standardized, all-hazards system for event or emergency management

Organization in a hospital could look like:



Expands or contracts based on incident size



Incident Response System	
ICS adapted to Indian administrative context Coming soon Organization looks like:	t
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#### IRS/ICS is designed to

- Meet the needs of events of any kind or size
- Allow personnel from a variety of organizations and agencies to meld rapidly into a common management structure
- Provide logistical and administrative support to operational staff
- Be cost effective by avoiding duplication of efforts
- Be flexible no need to match the organizational structure for day-to-day operations

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#### **Command and Control**

- Unity of command
  - Clear
- Creates accountability
- Transfer of command
- Span of control
  - Leader directly manages small number of resources  $\,$
  - Optimal number in ICS is five; maximum is seven
  - ICS organizational structure expands and contracts as needed to maintain manageable span of control




#### **Security and Crowd Control**

People will converge on the hospital. Security will:

- Control access
- Provide perimeter security
- Manage vehicle traffic at emergency entrance
- Facilitate entry of patients and triage
- Designate areas outside the hospital but within secured perimeter for family members and the media

#### Communication and Liaison

- Communication of accurate and useful information is critical
- ICS/IRS specifically provides command staff
  - Information and Media Officer
  - Liaison Officer
- Communication with family members needs special consideration

#### Scenario






#### **Prepare People and Provisions**

- Train the staff and repeat training on a schedule
- Conduct regular drills
- Implement preparedness measures called for in the plan
- Keep enough supplies on hand for 72 hours, including for your mass casualty plan

#### Mitigate Risk

- Seismic retrofit of building or replacement with earthquake resistant new construction
- Anchor, brace and protect
- Backup systems
- Insurance



#### During an Earthquake



Drop, Cover and Hold On



#### After an Earthquake

#### Put your plan into action!

- Help rescue/treat injured staff and patients
- Take protective measures
- Shut off leaking oxygen or gas if any nearby
- Be prepared for aftershocks
- Evacuate only if building in danger of collapse or if patients can't be treated inside

#### **Protective Measures**

- Don't put yourself in dangerous situations
- Don't use lifts
- No open flames
- Wear protective clothing: sturdy shoes, plus masks, gloves, and medical gowns

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#### Create a Family Emergency Plan

- ✓ Hold a family meeting
- ✓ Designate an out of area contact
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  Address:
  Landmark:
  Out of City Contact:
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  Plants:
- ✓ Pick locations for family to reunite
- ✓ Identify safest places and exits in house and each room
- ✓ Make sure everyone knows how to protect themselves

#### **Protect Your Family Physically**

- Check that your home or building was built to code with earthquake resistant features
- Identify and anchor falling hazards
- Secure gas cylinder
- Have a fire extinguisher and know how to use it
- Get one family member trained in First Aid

#### Home Hazard Hunt

- All family members should participate
- Check places where your family spends most time: where people sleep, eat, work and play
- Make a list of what needs to be done and tackle it one by one until it's finished
- Do the Hazard Hunt from the level of the shortest member of the family!

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#### **Prepare Emergency Supplies**

- You should plan to be on your own, without external aid, for 3 days at least
- What will you and your family need for those 3 plus days?



#### Sample Family Emergency kit

- Non-perishable food to last 72 hours
- Water (10 liters per day per person)
- First aid kit + prescription medicine + sanitary items
- Torch + spare batteries
- Radio + batteries
- Emergency cash
- List of emergency telephones
- Copies of valuable documents (scan & email)
- Spare eye glasses etc..
- Whistle

#### **Get Trained**

- Coordinate with your hospital's disaster preparedness committee
- Utilize local resources for training


an earthquake or other disaster



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Today We Learned		
Why hospitals are at risk from earthquakes     About earthquake basics		 
About earthquake damage and consequences		
How to identify and mitigate risks		 
About hospital emergency preparedness basics		
How to prepare ourselves and our families for		



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• Summary of next steps for project; will vary with situation

#### What YOU can do

- Think about your role
- Create a family emergency plan
- Drill and practice



Questions?



#### Help us improve

- Please fill out the questionnaire
- Let us know how we can improve:
  - the training
  - the manual
- Email any additional feedback to info@geohaz.org

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## **Appendix - Resource Materials**

## Hospital Building Systems and Contents Hazard Assessment Checklist

Section/ Block:	Date of Assessment:
Room Number/Use:	Assessment Conducted By:

Potential Hazards	Check if item present	Total no. of units	to	em need be: Anchored	Priority Level	Engineering required?	Supplies and tools needed
Medical Equipment							
Autoclave					2	$\square$	
Anesthesia machine					2		
Monitor					1 or 3		
Operation theatre light					2	V	
Ventilator					2		
Imaging equip. (X-ray, CT, etc.)					2	Ø	
Radiant warmer					2		
Wheeled or trolley mounted equip.					3		
Small wall-mounted equip.					3		
Laboratory bench-mounted equip.					3		
Blood bank refrigerator					2		
Other:							
Furnishings and Hospital Administ	rative Sys	tems	•				
Cupboards					1 or 3		
File cabinets					3		
Medical records storage					3	V	
Computer Equipment					3		
Other:							
Supplies			•				
On racks					3		
On trolleys					3		
Pharmacy					3		
Sterile storage					3		
Other:							
Mechanical and Electrical Equipme	ent	I.			I		
Emergency generator					1	V	
Batteries for emergency power					1	V	
Boiler					2	V	
Geyser					3	V	
Chiller					3	Ø	
Cooling tower					3	<u> </u>	
Curb-mounted rooftop unit					3	<u> </u>	
Window or wall unit air conditioner					3	<u> </u>	
Window unit air cooler					1	<u> </u>	
Electrical cabinet or switchgear					1	<u> </u>	
Transformer					3	<u> </u>	
Domestic water pump					2	<u> </u>	
Fire suppression pump					1	<u> </u>	
Fire extinguisher					1		
Other:					1		

Potential Hazards	Check if item present	Total no. of units	t	tem need o be: Anchored	Priority	Engineering required?	Supplies and tools needed
Pipes, Ducts and Conduits	· II						
Small rigidly-attached pipes					3	Ø	
Small suspended pipes					3	$\square$	
Large pipes					3	$\square$	
Conduits					1 or 3	$\square$	
Ductwork					3		
Tanks and Medical Gases							
Compressed-gas cylinders					1		
Bulk medical gas tanks					1	$\square$	
Rooftop water tanks					3		
Horizn. oriented cylindrical tanks					1 or 3		
Other tanks:							
Architectural Elements							
Parapets					1	Ø	
Sunshades					3	Ø	
Masonry partition wall					3		
Suspended (false) ceiling					3		
Pendant (hanging) light fixture					3		
Pendant ceiling fan					3		
Windows and glass					3		
Jalies larger than 1 m x 1 m					3	Ø	
Entrance canopy					1	Ø	
Other:							
Lifts							
Lift rail systems					3	Ø	
Lift motors and generators					3	Ø	
Lift control panel/cabinet					3	Ø	

Priority levels: 1 = Critical Safety, 2 = Essential Services, 3 = Continuous Service

**Notes:** 





# **Cost Estimation Worksheet**

Item to Be Anchored	Location of Item	Hardware Type	Unit Price	Quantity	Unit Price   Quantity   Material Cost   Labor Cost   Total Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost	
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Total costs					0	0	0	

Priority (High/Medium/Low) Total Cost for Medium Priority Items 0 Rs.

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