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Whole People Fire Safety Training

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Introduction

Recent fatal fires in Hong Kong have prompted us to rethink fire safety awareness and its training method. Hospital setting is of a high fire risk area, patients, visitors and staff are vulnerable in case of fire occurred. It is important that all staff should be equipped with basic fire safety knowledge and patient evacuation procedures. However, different groups of staff may have difficulties to attend regular fire safety training sessions. In this context, tailor-made and time-flexible training sessions will be the way out.

Objectives

To promote and enhance fire safety awareness in Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH) and TWGHS Wong Tai Sin Hospital (WTSH) through precise and concise training program which frontline staff, including doctors, nurses, allied health colleagues and various volunteers, have the flexibility to choose the most convenient time and location for conducting tailor-made fire safety training.

Methodology

The traditional fire safety training programmes include (i) fire safety promotion in orientation for new staff, (ii) regular fire safety training sessions for all staff and (iii) e-learning webpage for fire safety. Apart from these programmes, Security Office in KWH proactively took the initiative to suit the different requirements from the users by liaising with all stakeholders in order to fix fire safety trainings to them at anytime, anywhere. For instance, gathering the clinicians to attend a fire safety training is quite difficult, and Security Office has tailor-made a 20-minute training session in their regular department meetings. Besides, the hospital volunteers are quite a large number of people who are new to the hospital and normally without fire safety knowledge, specially made fire safety training classes on Saturdays have been successfully held for enhancing the fire safety awareness.

Result

The participations of fire safety training for frontline staff such as doctors have been increased by large. It is a breakthrough that all stakeholders are covered. A total of 572 staff, contractors and volunteers were successfully trained in 2013. It is expected that 100% staff coverage will be achieved in the next two years.