



**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY DRILL
AT QEII'S HALIFAX INFIRMARY:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026**



Nova Scotia Health is committed to ensuring our teams are prepared to respond safely and effectively during emergencies. On October 6, 2026, a planned, full-scale “Code Orange” emergency exercise will take place at the QEII’s Halifax Infirmary (HI), in collaboration with Halifax Stanfield International Airport and emergency response partners. The mock exercise is expected between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Code Orange is used to coordinate the response to an external emergency that may result in a large number of patients arriving at the hospital. This exercise will provide an opportunity to test emergency response procedures, communication, coordination and patient care processes in a realistic but controlled environment.

What to expect during the exercise:

- Increased activity may be visible in and around the HI’s emergency department and other participating areas of the hospital; **this will not impact access to the department or care for those experiencing a real emergency.**
- Simulated patients (actors) and exercise participants will be involved.
- Overhead announcements will clearly indicate when the exercise is underway.
- Staff from multiple departments and external partners, will participate in the exercise.
- Measures will be in place to minimize disruption.

Please be assured this is a planned exercise and there is no real emergency or threat to patients, staff or visitors.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to strengthen emergency preparedness and maintain a safe environment for our patients, staff and visitors.