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## Cottonwood, Inc. Policies and Procedures

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## Policy:

It is the policy of Cottonwood, Inc. to provide a safe working environment for employees and consumers. If a power failure would occur, the workers will either remain at their work station or be transported to another site, depending on the duration of the situation.

## **Procedures:**

- 1. In the event of a power failure, the emergency lights will activate. This should allow staff and consumers to safely move to a better lighted area. Consumers should remain with their work groups and refrain from wandering into other areas of the building. Unit Emergency Coordinators will assist movement with flashlights if needed.
- 2. The Site Emergency Director, a coordinator, or member of management will report the outage to the appropriate utility company.
- 3. The CEO and Site Emergency Director will determine whether it is feasible to continue work. He/She will determine whether the employees and consumers will remain at their work stations or be transported to their homes or partnering facility.
- 4. Cell phones are available for use as back-up.
- 5. Procedures for power failure will be routed and reviewed in consumer meetings at least annually.
- 6. As part of its overall safety and emergency planning program, Cottonwood, Inc. has plans and procedures documented in "The Business Survival Plan" notebook.

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