



Nexus staff gathering at the evacuation point at Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai

Hotel Fire Drill Activity: A Lifesaving Exercise

Just like any building, resorts are vulnerable to fires but there are particular areas that make the fire prevention systems and plans more complicated. For starters, resorts have a higher occupancy load because of the numerous rooms in addition to countless guests that may spend any given night. Resorts have restaurants kitchens that add a great risk of fire as a result of open flames, flammable grease traps, and storage of flammable substances.

That's why it's crucial for hotels to conduct fire drills to ensure the safety of their guests and staff.

A purposeful Fire Drill was recently held among the staffs of Nexus Resort & Spa Karambunai, for the awareness of fire and escape routes.

The fire drill was scheduled in advance, and all staff were informed about it. The hotel staff took the drill very seriously and made sure everyone was evacuated safely. The alarm sounded, and all staff were instructed to leave office and rooms, and head towards the designated evacuation points. It is important that there are clear signs throughout various corridors and stairways that indicating the way to the emergency exits.

Once reached the evacuation point, a headcount taken to ensure that everyone had made it out safely. The hotel staff were then given briefing about the importance of such drills and explained the steps in detail.





Resort Fire Safety Rules:

- Designate a person to be responsible for fire safety in the resort.
- Maintain a Fire Safety Register containing information relating to fire safety systems, management procedures, and training.
- Prepare an Emergency Response Plan.
- Prepare some Resort Fire Safety Rules
- Ensure that every member of staff receives information, instruction, and training in fire
- Safety in accordance with their duties.
- Organise a planned and documented fire evacuation drill in the resort at least once a year.
- Have a regular Fire Risk Assessment carried out and take corrective action.
- Ensure that the structure has properly installed, professionally maintained, and regularly inspected fire protection systems throughout the building. These include: Fire Sprinkler Systems, Fire Evacuation Routes, Fire Alarms, Fire Extinguishers.

Things to remember in an emergency:

- Do not use the elevator.
- Feel any door you are going to open (with the back of your hand) to see if it is hot. If so do not open the door.
- Stay low to the floor and if necessary crawl to avoid smoke "Stop, Drop and Roll". In a fire, smoke kills 80% of people - more than the actual fire itself.

In the event you are instructed to evacuate the premises:

- Close all doors and windows and turn off all electrical equipment as you leave your area.
- Escort guests from the property as per the evacuation procedures.
- Make your way, via the fire stairs and exits, to the evacuation assembly point.
- Roll call will be taken of all staff to ensure no one is missing.
- Other specific fire instructions are located in the fire evacuation procedures manual located in your department.
- Please familiarise yourself with your responsibilities in the event of a fire.