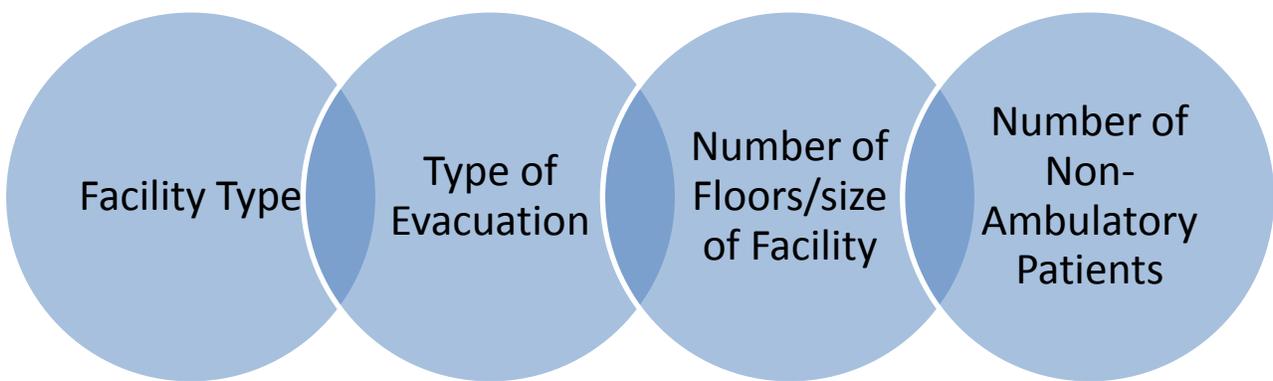


Minimum Level of Evacuation Equipment

In assessing the level of readiness for facility evacuation, it has been determined that *minimum levels* of readiness are not well established or published in current literature. A number of variables are present when evaluating a facility's readiness to evacuate, including the facility type (hospital vs. long-term care facility), type of evacuation (short or long term), the overall size of the facility (number of floors), and the number of non-ambulatory patients. Below are some suggestions, based on some of the variables, which facilities may utilize in order to establish a minimum level of readiness for evacuation.

Variables for Evacuation



Evacuation Equipment Standard - Minimum

HOSPITAL	LONG TERM CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Half of all ICU beds equipped with Evacusleds• One (1) Supersled per facility• One (1) Stair Chair per facility• 2-3 Stair Chairs for tertiary care centers• 5 paraslydes per facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) piece of evacuation equipment per 15 non-ambulatory patients (i.e. paraslyde)• One (1) Evac-Q-Sling per facility