



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4765.162 Dementia-related training.

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(A) As used in this section, "dementia" includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, in consultation with the departments of aging and job and family services, shall develop a dementia-related training course to be included in all emergency medical services training programs accredited under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code and all emergency medical services continuing education programs approved under that section.

(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of the following:

(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory completion of the dementia-related training course included in an emergency medical services training program;

(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory completion of the dementia-related training course included in an emergency medical services continuing education program.

(D) The dementia-related training course developed under this section shall include instruction in all of the following:

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia;

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for communicating with individuals with dementia and their caregivers;



- (3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of dementia during the administration of emergency medical treatment;
  
- (4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate county department of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.63 of the Revised Code;
  
- (5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or crisis situation;
  
- (6) Local resources available for individuals with dementia;
  
- (7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with dementia and returning them to their caregivers.