

Safety for High Risk Behavior Patients

ACS, CCS, CCBD, and Cardiac Resource Guide

Definitions



Safety Assistant: staff member trained in PPMAB assigned to provide constant visual observation to patients deemed to be a high safety risk to themselves or others.

CVO Within Arm's Length: staff member or a provider performs constant visual observation and is within arm's length of the patient at all times.

CVO Within Line of Sight: patient is continuously in the direct line of vision of a staff member or provider at all times.

Hand-Off and Documentation



- The RN provides hand-off communication at each staff change to the oncoming nurse and PCT/MT with a review of:
 - Level of observation
 - Reason for level of observation (must match the order from the provider)
 - Review of the environment
 - Role of the Safety Assistant in ensuring patient safety
- The RN documents a safety assessment **EVERY 2 hours** in the CVO flowsheet
- The Safety Assistant charts the patient's location and activity **EVERY 15 minutes** for ALL CVO patients

Elopement Risk



- Admission- Perform Elopement Risk Screening
- If deemed Elopement Risk place patient in purple gown (Located in ED linen cart or call 6-HELP) and removed shoes and give grippy socks
- If patient is NOT an elopement risk upon admission, continue to screen every shift
- Cell phone NOT permitted

Unescorted Patient in a Purple Gown

- Observe the patient's behavior and location
- Call 3-3333 for a Code Pink
- Follow the patient at a safe distance and do NOT intervene
- Wait for security to arrive

For Safe Rooms, place a sign on the door that says "All visitors check in at the Nurses Desk" so that the RN can explain the safety modifications to new visitors.