

PROCEDURE FOR: Seclusion Alarm System

PURPOSE: To describe the mechanism for utilizing the alarm system and to provide staff members entering the seclusion rooms with a mechanism for obtaining assistance in an emergency.

- POLICY:**
1. Prior to entering seclusion rooms, staff are required to active the seclusion alarm system.
 2. Nursing staff members are required to carry the seclusion alarm key while on duty. An extra key is kept at the nursing station and made available to staff members of other disciplines.
 3. Every on-duty staff member will assist the staff member(s) in the seclusion room upon hearing the emergency alarm.

EQUIPMENT: Seclusion Alarm System key

PROCEDURE:

ACTION

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

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| <p>1. Activate the seclusion alarm system prior to entering a seclusion room.</p> <p>2. De-activate the seclusion alarm system when leaving a seclusion room.</p> | <p>1. Light outside the seclusion room will be illuminated, thus indicating to personnel on the unit that a staff member is in the seclusion room. The emergency buzzer inside the seclusion room is functional when the button by the seclusion door is pushed.</p> |
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