

Environmental Patient Safety Checklist

Patient Safety Checklist/Suicide Precautions

Checklist must be completed on admission, every shift, change of staff, reported change in behavior for all patients at risk for suicide, suicidal/homicidal ideation, or has self-harm behaviors.

V	ITEMS CHECKLIST	INITIALS			
	Room inspection completed at beginning of each shift.				
	Communicate initiation of Level of Observation to other hospital staff.				
	Place patient in a room or treatment area which provides the best observation and protection. Never leave patient unattended behind a closed curtain or door. Keep curtain or door open at all times.				
	Remove in-room sharps container or ensure sharps container is locked and secure.				
	Remove ALL sharp objects (<i>needles, scalpels, knives, scissors, nail files, glass items, etc.</i>)				
	Remove all detachable/removable hanging risk items, if possible and unless medically necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric cords, telephone cords, bed cords (if detachable), window blind cords • Oxygen tubing/flowmeter (unless required for continuous use) • Monitoring equipment (BP/EKG cables) unless items are required for continuous monitoring • Excessive IV tubing • Suction tubing • Nurse call light in room and bathroom (if removable) 				
	Remove plastic trash bag liners, linen container and all plastic bags.				
	Remove extra linens (sheets, towels, pillowcases, gowns)				
	Visually inspect room and bathroom remove/mitigate risk of potentially harmful objects as much as possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shower curtain • Note shower heads for hanging risks and observe patient closely while using shower • Remove any hanging curtains • Lock all cabinets • Remove any items that are dangerous if ingested • Disable bathroom door locks 				
	Inspect patient belongings (initiate Patient Belongings Record): remove potentially harmful objects or contraband from patient and environment. This includes: patient medications, glass or sharp items, toiletry items containing alcohol, matches, lighter, aerosol spray cans, curling iron, hair dryer, razor, belts, straps, ties, shoelaces, dental floss and jewelry. Remove items from patient remove and place in a secured location or send home with family. Allowable items: cordless electric razor, eyeglasses, and non-breakable toiletries.				

