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Behavioral Health Environmental Risk Assessment

The following are observations made during the facility tour listed by location as an initial step of a risk assessment. These observations are merely facts, not a corrective measure. The observation. Once the ranking has occurred, a Plan of Action can be developed to achieve a lower and/or identify an acceptable risk. These observations cannot be considered complete in time. Observations also should be applied throughout the unit to similar conditions.

Potential Risk	Unit	Location	Physical Environment	Staff Behavior	Policy or Procedure	Notes	Clinical Group Score	Risk Score: 1= Low- 3=High Risk
Exit sign broken - can be dismantled into sharp objects								
Cove base loose								
Mirror is NOT tight to the wall and could be tampered with								
Thermostat with a domestic plastic cover that can be easily tampered with or removed								
Old dispenser base with regular screws NOT removed when dispenser was removed								
Telephone in corner with cords out of sight of corridor								
Visitors are NOT kept in a controlled environment - can go anywhere in unit								

Paper has been taped on the window viewing the ICU which blocks the staff's view of the patients								
Blinds were noted in the Nurse's Station that could be used to block the view of patients - also very soiled								
Hampers parked in corridor - gives patient unlimited access to linens and scrubs - Inventory NOT controlled								
Linen carts parked in corridor - gives patient unlimited access to linens and scrubs - Inventory NOT controlled								
Purell mounted in corridor with patient access - hazardous product if ingested- see MSDS								
Wheelchair noted stored in hallway with an oxygen bottle attached and accessible to patients								
Phone cord over three feet long								
Nurse call cord 2.5+ feet long								
Open access panel - easy latching mechanism to open								
Deadbolt?								
Soap dispenser "Soft and Serve" - NOT sure of chemical hazards if any - See MSDS								
Are the crayons non-toxic? Many								
Patients could be in the room unattended because of phone out of view of Nurse's Station - several objects in rooms, paint brushes, pencils, pen, radio with wires etc.								
Entrance door swings slowly								
Staff has to walk to the door and open it for visitors, but they have a poor view of the person who wants to enter								

Staff walks away from door prior to its locking								
Patients in scrubs with tie strings								
Did NOT confirm ALL perimeter walls of unit go to slab above								
Linen carts parked in corridor - gives patient unlimited access to linens and scrubs - Scrubs have strings and material can be torn into strips								
ICU patients may be mixed in an overflow condition - history of events NOT known, if any								
Room filled with articles, copier, computers with an extraordinary amount of cabling exposed - door closes slowly and sometimes does NOT close completely- Staff were also noted leaving the room unattended with door held open								
Plastic curved mirrors in corridor can be broken into sharp objects								
Curtain - silk-type backing can be removed and may NOT be missed								
ICU patients may have access to non-ICU H3 unit - history of events NOT known, if any								
Plastic outlet and switch covers								
Several cords, objects easily accessible behind counter by reaching over without entering Nurse's Station								
Blood pressure monitor with sever tubes, etc. stored in corridor								
Pens were noted in the room								
Soap dispenser "Soft and Serve" - NOT sure of chemical hazards if any - See MSDS								
Plastic outlet and switch covers								
White board markers- Are they Nontoxic?								

Ceiling light lenses removable and can easily be broken into sharp objects								
There is NO visitor screening/searches - some history on contraband								
Ceiling tiles make the room accessible when locked								
Unlocked								
Patients in scrubs with tie strings								
Medical equipment such as BP Monitor stored in hallway and accessible to patients								
Patient controlled electric beds								
Sink fixtures - can hold the weight of a patient								
Sink plumbing - can hold the weight of a patient - 1.5 feet from the floor								
Equipment stored in shower area - kept unlocked								
Sink fixtures - can hold the weight of a patient								
Sink plumbing - can hold the weight of a patient - 1.5 feet from the floor								
Left open and accessible to patients								
TV/VCR with many accessible cords and cables								
Plastic curved mirrors in corridor can be broken into sharp objects								
Many shampoos available to patient - hazardous product?								

Outlets are NOT child (tamper) proof								
Smoke detector is NOT tamperproof								
White Board - only held on with 2 screws								
Cupboard/cabinet drawers are removable and wood as well as metal railings can be liberated as sharp objects								
10 inch vent to the outside of building - vent cover can easily be removed								
Patients have access to gloves in room								
Several soaps in shower - hazardous products if ingested? See MSDS								
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Toilet paper holder arms could be hazardous if patient fell off toilet into the holder								
Large TV NOT anchored on elevated platform - possible injury if patient falls forward								
TV- NOT anchored								
Bureau has removable drawers and tracks which can be removed and have sharp edges								
ceiling lenses removable and can be broken into sharp objects								
Plastic outlet and switch covers								
Regular (non-tamperproof) screws throughout the room								
Smoke detector is NOT tamperproof								
Thermostat with a domestic plastic cover that can be easily tampered with or removed								
Light cover is NOT tamperproof								

Curtains may have a weave so that the material can be torn into strips								
Outlets are NOT child (tamper) proof								
Trundle drawer can be removed and has a track with sharp edges								
Mirror loose from wall								
Patient Walks - practice is a 1:5-6 staff ratio								
Shampoos available to patient - hazardous product?								
Hampers parked in corridor - gives patient unlimited access to linens and scrubs - Inventory NOT controlled								
Linen carts parked in corridor - gives patient unlimited access to linens and scrubs - - Linen weave can be torn into strips								
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Pay phone - delaminating and loose plastic strips								
Suspended ceiling tile								
Fire extinguisher sign on wall broken - potential of sharp objects								
Practice of turning down microphone in Nurse's Station monitoring ICU space								
Removable ceiling tile								
Sink plumbing - can hold the weight of a patient - 1.5 feet from the floor								
Wall laminate delaminating causing access to the wall								
Bed - trundle drawer can be removed - wood and the rails can be removed and have sharp edges								

Bed Platform has regular screws and some screw were missing								
Closet shelves can easily be removed and used as instruments or weapons								
Door to entrance just outside of Piano RM and egress while door is swinging - staff and visitors noted to NOT be waiting for door to lock								
Kitchen out of sight from corridor								
Patients access to tubes and cords on counter								
Nurse's Station is NOT always attended according to staff - patients have access to many objects, plastic bags (ambu) and unlimited cords								
Patient Walks - only communication of staff is with a cell phone								
TV/VCR cord and cables accessible to patients								
Alcove sink in hallway - fixtures can hold the weight of a patient								
Nightlight can be broken with sharp objects and access to 120V								
Radiator casement brackets have missing screws and are loose Desk can be broken - drawers and drawer slides can be liberated								
Plastic paper towel dispenser can be easily broken into sharp pieces								
Bed - trundle drawer can be removed - wood and the rails can be removed and have sharp edges								
Bedside table has straight legs that can easily be removed or brokered off - also has a bolt sticking out when broken off								
Curtain - silk-type backing can be removed and may NOT be missed								