



Room Checklist for Patients at Risk for Harm to Self or Others

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) states that “non-psychiatric settings of all hospitals where patients with psychiatric conditions may be cared for must also identify patients at risk for intentional harm to self or others and mitigate environmental safety risks.”

Patients determined to be at risk for harm to self or others who are admitted to a non-behavioral health setting must be protected from harm. This checklist can be used to assess the safety of a room where the patient is held.

In addition, patient belongings should be searched, inventoried and placed in a locked are. Visitors should be informed that they are not allowed to bring items to the patient that could be used to cause harm.

If the room cannot be made ligature free, continuous 1:1 observation should be in place.

	Yes	No
Windows/mirrors are break proof or resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical outlets are ground fault protected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting fixtures are either not accessible or tamper resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room is free of plastic trash bag liners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharps and instruments are removed or behind locked doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol-based hand gel is removed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unnecessary equipment is removed or behind locked doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If medical gases are not required, pressure gauges are removed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemicals are removed from the room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Window coverings with cords are removed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathrooms are locked when not in use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privacy curtains are removed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Items that can be used as projectiles are removed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:		

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