Resident Safety Policy

PURPOSE

To address identified safety concerns and incidents and to be proactive in providing a safe learning environment.

To provide information and communicate safety concerns to the program and to comply with safety policies.

PROCEDURES

When residents are traveling for clinical or other academic assignments by private vehicle, it is expected that they maintain their vehicle adequately and travel with appropriate supplies and contact information. The regional health authority prohibits cell phone use and text messaging in the performance of residency duties while driving.

Call rooms and lounges provided for residents must be clean, smoke free, located in safe locations, and have adequate lighting, a phone, fire alarms, and smoke detectors. Any appliances supplied are to be in good working order. There must be adequate locks on doors.

Residents working in areas of high and long term exposure to radiation must follow radiation safety policies and minimize their exposure according to current guidelines.

1. Radiation protective garments (aprons, gloves, neck shields) should be used by all residents using fluoroscopic techniques.

Pregnant residents should be aware of specific risks to themselves and their fetus in the training environment and request accommodations where indicated. Residents should consult the Occupational Health and Safety Office for information.

Resident feedback and complaints must be handled in a manner that ensures resident anonymity, (a suggestion box is available at the fourth floor library).
For needle stick injury follow these steps:

1-Go directly to resident health clinic
2-If they are closed, report to the Emergency Department.
3-Identify yourself as a medical resident who has just sustained an exposure.
4-You will see health care provider who is trained in assessing the risk of the exposure.
5-You will be counseled and advised about post-exposure prophylaxis, if necessary.
6-If indicated, you will be given a starter pack of the prophylactic drugs.

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