


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Precautions for Suspected Child Abuse - Police Holds</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-110-10-02 <b>Department:</b> Nursing Service <b>Approving Officer:</b> <b>Interim Chief Nursing Officer (CNO)</b> <b>Responsible Agent:</b> <b>Interim Chief Nursing Officer</b> <b>Scope:</b> The University of Toledo Medical Center	 <b>Effective Date:</b> 6/15/2021 <b>Initial Effective Date:</b> 6/1981
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**(A) Policy Statement**

Special security precautions will be followed when caring for children admitted for suspected child abuse.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To maintain a secure safe environment for suspected child abuse patients.

**(C) Procedure**

1. Place children suspected of abuse/neglect in rooms away from open doorways and staircase whenever possible, or in the designated pediatric rooms on 6AB near the nurse’s station.
2. Notify Campus Police of all “police hold” admissions and request that they make more frequent rounds on the unit.
3. Unless there is a written medical order, children on “police holds” will not be permitted off the unit unless accompanied by hospital personnel (including the 6th floor lobby).
4. Doors to the unit are to remain closed as much as possible.
5. All appropriate personnel working on the unit will be informed of potential problems.
6. Supervision of parental visits will be determined by the physician and/or Children Services Board and an order will be written. When needed, a member of the staff will observe the interaction and document pertinent data in the patient’s medical record.
7. In the event a child’s whereabouts is questionable, security should be notified, and a “Code Adam” should be implemented.

<b>Approved by:</b>  <u>/s/</u> Todd Stec, RN Interim Chief Nursing Officer  <i>Review: Policy &amp; Standard Committee, 3/11, 6/15, 6/18, 6/21</i> <i>Revision Completed by: Nancy Gauger, MSN, RN</i>	<b>Review/Revision Date:</b> 1982      1990      4/15/2011 1983      5/1992      6/26/2015 1984      1993      6/15/2018 1985      1996      6/1/2021 1986      1999 1987      2002 1988      2005 1989      7/10/2008  <b>Next Review Date:</b> 6/2024
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