


Name of Policy: <u>Safety (Pediatrics)</u> Policy Number: 3364-110-12-03 Department: Nursing Service Approving Officer: Interim Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Responsible Agent: Interim Chief Nursing Officer Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center	 Effective Date: 7/1/2021 Initial Effective Date: 6/1982
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(A) Policy Statement

Compliance with established institutional safety guidelines is recognized as a responsibility of all Nursing Service employees. All items used in the Pediatric rooms shall meet certain specifications related to patient safety and infection control requirements.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide guidelines for promotion of a safe environment and the prevention of accidents for any hospitalized child/adolescent.

(C) Procedure

In addendum to Nursing Policy No. 3364-110-12-02, the following precautions are specific to pediatrics.

1. All children will be protected from sharp and moving objects and heated surfaces.
2. A barrier free environment will be maintained by securing appropriate locations for wheelchairs, IVs, stretchers, etc.
3. All items left at the bedside will be safe and developmentally appropriate for unsupervised play.
4. The admitting nurse will determine the appropriateness of toys brought from home by parents.
5. All items that a patient has direct contact with will be properly sanitized between patients (i.e., scales, toys, etc.).
6. Any hospital toys contaminated with secretions shall be disinfected prior to continued use by nursing and/or housekeeping staff.
7. All doors to areas that are unsupervised and provide risk to patients will be kept closed at all times and any hazardous items contained in these areas will be kept out of reach of young children.
8. Children left unsupervised in their rooms must be in bed with 3 of 4 side rails up.
9. All electrical items used by the nursing staff (i.e., video equipment) will be regularly serviced and inspected by Biomedical Engineering.
10. The admitting nurse will explain safety regulations, specific to Pediatrics, to all parents and/or guardians upon admission.
11. Netbeds are available for children who are developmentally delayed and medically require use of netbeds.
12. All electrical outlets will be covered with an outlet plug.

Approved by: _____ /s/ Todd Stec, RN Interim Chief Nursing Officer <i>Review: Policy & Standards Committee: 6/15, 8/18, 7/21</i> <i>Revision Completed By: Nancy Gauger, MSN, RN</i>	Review/Revision Date: 1983 6/1996 1984 4/1999 1985 5/2001 1986 3/2005 1987 7/10/2008 1988 3/09 1989 8/12 1990 6/26/15 10/1993 8/1/2018 7/1/2021 Next Review Date: 7/2024
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