


Name of Policy: <u>Safety</u> Policy Number: 3364-124-07 Department: Nursing Service/Operating Room Approving Officer: Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Responsible Agent: Director of Surgical Services Scope: Operating Room/Perioperative Services	 Effective Date: 12/1/2022 Initial Effective Date: 4/1/1981				
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(A) Policy Statement

A safe environment shall be maintained and monitored in the Operating Room (OR) Suite.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide guidelines for a safe work environment and prevent accidents to patients and personnel.

(C) Procedure

1. All personnel will adhere to established institutional safety policies and procedures.
2. Side rails will be raised when patients are transported.
3. Patient safety straps will be applied prior to induction and emergence from anesthesia and shall remain in place during all operative procedures as positioning allows.
4. The Operation Supervisor or designee will be notified immediately of any equipment not functioning properly. Malfunctioning equipment, and all related accessories involved will be tagged and immediately taken out of service.
5. The Technology Support Department will check electrical equipment monthly on a rotating basis. Records will be maintained by same. The Biomedical Department will first inspect all new electrical equipment before it goes into use.
6. Only approved extension cords will be allowed in the OR. It will be the responsibility of the Maintenance Department to check these monthly and repair as necessary.
7. The use of explosive agents will not be permitted in the OR Suite. (i.e., Cyclo, Acetone, Ether).
8. Employees injuring themselves while at work will be sent to the Emergency Department.
9. The RN circulator will remain at the patient's side to assist the anesthesia team during the induction of anesthesia, until the endotracheal tube is in place and secure, or until the regional block is placed. The safety strap will be kept securely in place until the patient is ready to be positioned, and then resecured as positioning allows.
10. The circulating nurse will remain at the patient's side to assist the anesthesia team during the patient's emergence from anesthesia. The safety strap will be kept securely in place until the patient is ready to be transferred to the bed or stretcher.

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