

NURSING SERVICES GUIDELINE INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Guideline: **Playground Safety**



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Responsibility: All trained Inpatient Behavioral Health staff

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June 2023

Purpose of Guideline: To ensure safe use of these special facilities, patients may use the playground only under proper supervision from staff.

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Procedure:

- (A) Two staff members shall supervise patients at all times. Staff members are to carry phones to communicate safety concerns.
- (B) Usage of playground may include:
 - (1) Inpatient Psychiatry patients.
 - (2) Outpatient Psychiatry patients.
- (C) Based on level of risk, some patients may have restrictions during their stay. Access to playground may be prohibited at the direction of the Administrator /Attending Physician/designee.
- (D) Staff to inspect playground for contraband prior to usage. If contraband is found, follow guideline: Drugs and Illegal Substances Discovered on Campus.
- (E) Staff are to lock entrance after usage.

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