**Policy Statement**

An Emergency System will be available on a patient need basis for Kobacker patients in the bathroom.

**Purpose of Policy**

To ensure privacy and safety of patients at Kobacker. To provide timely response to patient needs while in the bathroom.

**Procedure**

Kobacker will utilize a hand bell or “baby alarm” system for emergency assistance while patients with identified needs are in the bathroom. These types of patients include but are not limited to: Patients with history of seizure disorder, neurological impairment, physical limitations that alter mobility, patients with visual or speech impairments and/or patients with serious physical illness.

1. Assess patient for actual and or potential physical limitations that would require additional monitoring in the bathroom.

2. If patient has identified needs place an emergency bell or alarm in the bathroom.


4. When the patient is in the bathroom, monitor closely through frequent checks.
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