

# PSMMC Room Clearance Checklist for Suicide Precautions

- Call security to assist with inspection and removal of patient belongings into safekeeping.
- May return non-risk items (i.e. cell phone) when deemed appropriate to patient condition
- Remove personal items that are ligature risks (e.g. Belts)
- Remove items that are suffocation risks (e.g. Plastic bags, gloves)
- Remove personal objects that may be used for cutting or stabbing (e.g. Knives, sharp objects, jagged edges, glass items)
- Remove personal items that may be used as a weapon
- Remove lighters and/or matches
- Remove personal medications
- Remove any ingestible liquids including hand sanitizer bottles and cleaning agents
- Remove unattended items such as housekeeping carts or infection control carts that may contain hazardous items (eg. mops, brooms, tools, ingestible liquids)
- Remove gait belts from the room
- Remove all tubing and cords not actively used for medical care
- Remove sharp containers. All sharps are to be disposed of outside the room
- Remove all medical equipment that is sharp or could be used as a weapon if thrown or swung when not in use
- Check all meal trays to remove unsafe items before providing to the patient (plastic utensils and dishware)
- Assess objects brought into room by authorized visitors for safety

- Emergency Department – Remove all cloth linen. Place patient in paper gown/scrubs
- Check the patient's room every 12 hours for potentially harmful items