

Resources for High Fall Risk Patients on 5AG



Non-Skid Footwear

Use for ALL fall risk patients

- Red socks
- Properly fitted shoes with grip surface



Gait Belt

Use for ALL fall risk patients, especially with weak/unbalanced gait

- Ligature risk, so all belts are located in the 5A exam room. Do not leave belt unattended.



Wireless call bell

- Use for ALL fall risk patients to notify staff of ambulation assist needs.
- Call bell should stay with the patient at all times regardless of location (bed, dining room, etc)



Wireless exit alarm

Use for IMPULSIVE patients or patients that do not call out

- These patients should be ID in safety huddle
- Be intentional about positioning staff near these patients



Psych-Safe Low Bed

Use for HIGH INJURY risk patients that are also a high fall risk

- The bed may not prevent the fall but can help reduce risk for injury
- Move mat off floor when patient is out of bed. Pt can easily trip over mat while walking



Chair wedge

Use for impulsive patients sitting in recliner

- Helps prevent patient from being able to stand up on own (placed under patients knees)
- Use of recliner will require a 1:1 or placement directly in front of the desk for observation
- Use in conjunction with exit alarm

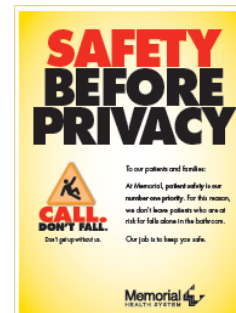


Patient Lifts

- Sit to Stand - Use to transfer patients from chair to bed or commode that can bear weight but unsteady.
- Total Lift – Use to transfer patients who cannot bear their weight.



Discuss high fall risk patients and interventions in safety huddle.



Staff should accompany all fall risk patients to bathroom. Stay within arms reach.