

Falls... Toileting and Bathroom Activities



NEVER leave high fall risk patients alone in the bathroom or during any other toileting activity.



Stay within arms reach of the patient when they are using a bedside commode, standing while using a urinal, sitting on a bed pan in chair, or in the bathroom to get cleaned up at the sink.

Patients have fallen in all of these instances at MMC!



According to the Joint Commission, falls with serious injury are consistently among the Top 10 sentinel events reported.

- Every year in the United States, hundreds of thousands of patients fall in hospitals, with 30-50 percent resulting in injury.
- Injured patients require additional treatment and sometimes prolonged hospital stays. In one study, a fall with injury added 6.3 days to the hospital stay.
- The average cost for a fall with injury is about \$14,000.