

**WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL  
Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual**

**SECTION C: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION**

**CHAPTER 9:**

**POLICY: 9.4: MILIEU MANAGEMENT**

**Standard of Practice:**

The nursing staff will monitor the environment for any risks or potential safety hazards in order to ensure a safe environment for patients and staff. All nursing staff (including those assigned to carry out routine observations) will be available to tend to patient needs when not performing some other assigned duty.

**Standard of Care:**

Patients can expect to be observed throughout the shift to ensure patients reside in a safe environment. Patients can expect all nursing staff to engage patients and be available to tend to patient needs when not performing some other assigned duty.

**Policy:**

**Section 1:**

**Courtyard safety: (Whiting Max only)**

- Staff on each unit, who is not assigned to courtyard duty, will be assigned to monitor the hallway cameras that lead directly from the unit to the courtyard from their units during courtyard hours for safety concerns. This will be assigned on the assignment sheet on each unit.

**Section 2:**

**Milieu Safety:**

- Absent of unusual circumstances, there should be no more than 2 staff members in the nursing station (bubble). This is to ensure patient and staff safety and that patient needs are provided for.
- To maximize patient engagement, staff should also not be congregating in the chart room or kitchen, in lieu of having a presence on the unit. This is to ensure patient and staff safety and that patient needs are provided for.
- Staff on all shifts will be present in the milieu and available to assist patients to ensure the environment is safe.

**Section 3:**

**Exit doors and Safety:**

- Staff will remind patients that the change of wall color is to remind them how far to stay away from exit doors.