

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

This policy and procedure outlines the various security and safety measures implemented by the Hospital to protect Residents and all employees.

POLICY

It is the policy of Temple University Hospital to ensure a safe and secure work environment through the education, support and efforts of all staff.

PROCEDURES

1. Hospital identification badges are requisite in helping to ensure a safe and secure environment within the Hospital. Badges must be worn at all times.
2. Security personnel are available to assist all staff twenty-four (24) hours per day, 365 days per year. Uniformed and plain clothes security patrols occur regularly inside and outside all campus buildings. Doors to campus buildings are locked as per Security policy. If a door is open 24/7, it is staffed by Security personnel.
3. Issues of security or safety may be reported immediately by dialing 2-COPS.
4. A security guard is posted in the guard booth at the corner of Broad and Ontario Streets to ensure safe passage from the Hospital to the parking garage. Personal escort by Security personnel is available during dusk to dawn hours and/or 24/7 by special arrangement to all areas of the campus. Arrangements may be made for van transport in inclement weather or to individuals who are physically challenged.
5. Call boxes, easily identified by a raised, flashing light, are located on the corners of all prominent intersections around the campus. Immediate response teams are dispensed upon activation of help “button.” . Brochures, delineating the exact location of all security call

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boxes and their operation, are available from the Security Office on the first floor of Parkinson Pavilion.

6. Incidents relating to violations of safety and security are discussed and documented in the meeting minutes of the campus-wide Safety Committee. Reports from the Safety Committee are forwarded directly to the Board of Governors. If incidents occur which are specific to Residents, they are reported at GMEC and followed up as necessary and appropriate.

7. All areas of the campus are extremely well lit during the dusk to dawn hours. Intense lighting has been proven to be a deterrent to the perpetration of personal crime.

ACGME makes no distinction between interns, residents, and fellows. All levels are referred to as “residents”.

APPROVALS

Note: The signed original of this policy is on file in the Office of Graduate Medical Education

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