Suicide Precautions Admission Safety Checklist
University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital

Things to be removed from the room PRIOR to the patient's arrival:

The list below is similar to the items listed in the environmental safety section in the Suicide Precautions policy, but contains additional items commonly found in Masonic Hospital patient rooms.

- Plastic garbage bags
- Extra BP cuffs
- Otoscope
- Hand sanitizer/alcohol/soap containers
- Purple and gold top wipe containers
- Sharps containers
- Diaper scale
- Extra chairs
- Oxygen tanks stored under the bed
- Hangers in closet
- GetWell and family computer keyboards
- Unsnap and remove all curtains
- Remove items on top of bedside cart and ensure cart is locked at all times
- Telephone
- Glass trays from microwave
- Glass shelves above family computer (if can be removed)

*Removal of any of these items is subject to the patient's clinical need and/or stability*

**Emergency equipment: oxygen flowmeters, ambu bag, suction equipment and tubing should NOT be removed from patient rooms**

Additional room preparation requirements:
- Call SPD for suicide cart and place outside patient room
- Replace all plastic garbage bags with paper bags found in suicide cart or call environmental services to obtain
- Close wood panels on the side of head of the bed unless devices behind the panels are needed for patient care
- Turn off internet access from GetWellNetwork on patient television: Select parents’ tab on GetWellNetwork. Select set parental controls and create password. Select set internet options. Select ‘no’ patient cannot access internet. OR when patient is admitted select ‘no’ patient cannot access internet on internet policy page. OR log in from GetWellNetwork and select patient internet access off.

Upon patient arrival:
- Ensure attendant/staff person is present at bedside at all times, even when family present
- Print patient/family letter “Pediatric Inpatient Safety: Frequently Asked Questions” from Forms on Demand and explain
- Call the diet office (3-4666) to notify room service they should not send glassware or metal silverware. If calling between 6:30pm-6:30am, leave a message.