Authorized Other outings & Returning to the Hospital

Oregon State Hospital (OSH) is committed to ensuring a safe environment for patients, staff and visitors. This process will help in preventing contraband and prohibited items from entering the secure perimeter.

Effective April 2019 for all patients: If patients leave the secure perimeter (outside a sally port), security staff will screen them and their belongings when they return.

"Authorized Other" Responsibility

- Review policy 8.044 Contraband and Prohibited Items
- Ask the treatment team about restricted items for the treatment program
- Junction City—call 541-465-2554 ten to fifteen minutes before you return

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the screening process?

- When patients return to the hospital, security staff will move a metal detector wand around the patient. They will hold the wand around four inches away from the patient's body.

- If the metal detector is activated, security staff may ask the patient to empty their pockets and remove their shoes.

- If the patient and/or Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) has specific concerns about the screening process (e.g. trauma history), security staff will accommodate special screening procedures.

- If the patient refuses the agreed upon procedures, or if there's a security concern, security will escort the patient to the unit so a nurse can determine next steps.

What happens if patients have contraband or prohibited items?

During the screening process, if security personnel identify a **potential** contraband or prohibited item, they will secure and examine that item for further review. If they determine the item is not a contraband or prohibited item, they will return it to the patient within 24 hours.

If a contraband or prohibited item is found, security will process it in accordance with hospital policies.

Questions about the process?

- *Contact Consumer & Family Services in Salem at 503-947-8109 or in Junction City at 503-465-2785*

- *Contact a Security Manager on duty at (503) 945-2861*