

	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual	Policy Number	111
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Elopement Risk			

POLICY:

If a resident threatens to elope, the following procedure will be implemented.

PROCEDURE:

1. Report threats of elopement to resident's social worker.
 - A. Interview resident as to why he/she is wanting to leave, where do they want to go, what are they needing and what would make it agreeable for them to remain here.
 - B. Document findings and bring to care conference.

2. Care Conference:
 - A. Interdisciplinary team will review findings and determine appropriate measures to be taken to reduce risk of elopement.
 - B. Document findings and action taken in progress notes and in care plan. Note on face sheet of care plan under special alert: Resident @ risk for elopement.
 - C. Social worker will review action taken with resident.

3. If threats of elopement occur during the weekend or evenings, report to the Nurse Supervisor or Charge Nurse.
 - A. The Nurse Supervisor/Charge Nurse will interview the resident as to why, how and where he/she plans to leave and document. The Nurse Supervisor/Charge Nurse will determine action needed and implement.
 - B. Document on 24 hour sheet.
 - C. Interdisciplinary Team will review on the next business day.

Reviewed: _____

Superintendent: _____