



**Office of
Mental Health**

Suicide Reduction Efforts in Psychiatric Inpatient Settings

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Inpatient Suicide Statistics



Can you identify the risks?



Where do suicides happen?

1 Bathrooms

2 Bedrooms

3 Closets

4 Other

5 Showers



What are the ligature risks?

- Door handles
- Hinges
- Shower: head, bar, handle, door
- Grab bar or handrail
- Pipe
- Toilet Back



NYS Office of Mental Health's Role

- Monitoring for risks
- Responding to incidents
- Resources for prevention



Roles of others:

- NYS Department of Health
- Accreditation Organizations
- CMS



Patient Safety Standards, Materials and Systems Guidelines (20th Edition)



Safety: a multi- directed approach

- Completion of a patient risk assessment
- Completion of a physical plant risk assessment
- Ongoing staff training to ensure awareness of potential risks on units
- Installation of products in all patient areas that reduce risk
- Routine inspections of inpatient psychiatric units to ensure safety levels are maintained



Patient Safety Guidelines

- High, Medium and Low risk areas of the unit
- Nomenclature and applicability
- Product Evaluation
- Not risk elimination



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