

The Silvercrest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

is a unique center of excellence, dedicated to Giving Quality to Life for all whom it serves, including:

- ◆ Older and younger adults who are chronically ill or traumatized and who make Silvercrest their home.
- ◆ People who need rehabilitation before returning to an independent life.
- ◆ Ventilator-dependent patients who require weaning from ventilation.
- ◆ People with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias who need a nurturing and safe environment that promotes functioning.

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Giving Quality to Life


About Personal Safety

Everyday Precautions
& Common Sense



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 **New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System**

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About Keeping Personally Safe

How are accidents prevented at Silvercrest?

Accidents are prevented by careful assessments, having an individualized safety plan of care, consistent review of incidents, and the use of safety devices such as bed and chair alarms and positioning devices. A comprehensive rehabilitation therapy program and thorough patient education regarding personal safety are also essential. Here are ways residents and patients can help to keep themselves safe:

- ◆ Keep wheelchairs locked or with brakes on when not in motion.
- ◆ If assistance is needed, use the call bell to alert staff. Please wait for the staff to respond.
- ◆ Consult a nurse before removing seat belts or other safety devices.
- ◆ Report any safety concerns to your nurse or social worker.

What should visitors know about keeping residents and patients safe?

Visitors should ask the clinical care coordinator (CCC) for specific clearance before a resident or patient walks alone, or transfers from or to a bed, chair or toilet. The CCC can also answer any questions about safety.

How do residents and patients safely leave the facility?

- ◆ If a residents or patient wishes to leave the premises, he or she must notify the CCC so that safe procedures can be followed.
- ◆ If the trip away from Silvercrest is for overnight or longer, Social Services must be notified at least five days in advance.
- ◆ While residents with dementia live in a secure environment, all residents are assessed for elopement risk, that is, unsafe departure from the building. High-risk individuals receive a transmitter ankle that sets off alarms and locks down elevators if the resident attempts to wander from a secure area. The CCC or social worker can answer any specific questions you have about elopement risk.

What are other general rules that help promote safety?

- ◆ Residents and patients are required to wear identification bracelets provided by Silvercrest.
- ◆ All electric appliances and gadgets must be approved for safety by Environmental Services prior to being placed in a room. Some appliances are not permitted—such as electric hair dryers, irons, hot plates, water heaters, fans and electric blankets—as they pose safety hazards.
- ◆ We reserve the right to inspect rooms.
- ◆ In order to maintain proper security, we reserve the right to inspect parcels being taken in and out of the building.