

AT-RISK PATIENTS

Recognizing the Signs for Potential Wandering and Missing Patients

At-Risk Patients May Exhibit the Following Behavior(s)

- Anxiety/Stress
- Confusion
- Depression
- Hallucinations/Delusions
- Pacing or Exit Seeking
- Restlessness
- Verbalizing Intent to Leave / Worried About Something Outside the Facility
- Restlessness

When Communicating With Patients Keep These Points in Mind

- Speak Clearly
- Use a Calm Voice
- Make Visual Cues to Re-Enforce Your Words
- Make Eye Contact
- Get His/Her Attention by Motion or Touch
- Look for Facial Signs of Understanding
- Ask “Yes” or “No” Questions and Use Short Simple Phrases

Actions to Take If You Observe These Signs

Do **NOT** Leave the Person Alone and Contact Appropriate Medical Staff Right Away!