

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
Administrative Policy and Procedure

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TITLE: RESTRAINING ORDERS

PURPOSE:

To provide a policy to protect neonates, children or adults who have an order of protection from our official entity.

CONTENT:

1. **NEONATE**

Purpose: To provide with parental rights, to see and bond with their infant without compromising or violating any order of protection.

A. **Level:** Interdependent

B. **Supportive Data:** Although parents may be unmarried or separated, parental rights need to be addressed within the limits of an order of protection.

C. **Content:**

1. Once it is established that a parent has an order of protection against the other parent:
 - a. Notify patient advocate.
 - b. Notify Security.
 - c. Obtain two copies of order and –
 - 1.) Place one on front of infant chart.
 - 2.) Send one to Security.
2. Both parents need to be reassured as to the safety of themselves and their baby.
3. Arrangements will be made as to the time the father of the baby can come to visit. Actual location will be determined by administrator so as to keep within the boundaries of the order of protection. If visitation requires violation of physical boundaries of order (i.e. - “within 1,000 feet”) police officials will be notified and present at set visitation.

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4. Nursery staff will supervise baby during visit, unless mother verbalizes concerns over baby safety, then administration will be notified of mothers concerns and proper “situational” arrangements will be made.
5. Father of baby may sign birth certificate at this time or opt to come in after discharge of mother and baby.
6. Arrangements may be reassessed if father is found to be unsuitable or possess a threat, real or supposed, to parent with restraining order or to baby.
7. Counseling or referrals to social services may be provided to patient and family as needed.

2. CHILDREN/ADULTS

Purpose: To provide a guideline for staff to ensure a safe environment for the patient.

- A. Establish that an order of protection has been written.
- B. Notify patient advocate and Security.
- C. Obtain two copies of order and –
 1. Place one on the front of infant chart.
 2. Send one to Security.
- D. Reassure patient/parent as to their safety.
- E. Post sign “Check with Nursing” prior to entry into the room.
- F. Restrict visitors to one person who reports to the nursing station before entering room.