



Security Officers and Health & Security Assistants: We keep hospitals safe

In our hospitals security staff are responsible helping everyone stay safe at work.

Can security staff participate in restraining a patient?

Yes, but the decision to physically restrain a patient should be led by a clinician.

Can security staff participate in clinical specialising/ companioning?

Only under the following circumstances:

- When security risks have been identified.
- If a clinician is present.
- If the security staff member is in addition to existing staff allocations.

Can security staff search patients?

Security staff can search scheduled patients at the direction of a healthcare professional, a paramedic, or a police officer. Security staff can only search other patients if the patient consents.

Security staff work as part of a team – safety and security is everyone's business. Every day security staff face extreme violence and aggression. Help us stay safe.