



Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

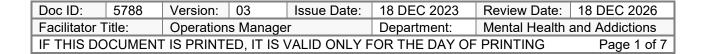
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			Updates to purpose, exceptions / contraindications, flow chart, and after care.
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1 Overview

1.1 Purpose

To provide the process and safety requirements for the use of safety garments for tangata whaiora at risk of harming themselves with their clothing.

1.2 Staff group

Inpatient acute adult and forensic mental health and addictions service.

1.3 Patient / client group

Tāngata whaiora at risk of harming themselves or others with their clothing e.g. making a noose to hang themselves or to strangle others.

1.4 Exceptions / contraindications

The use of safety garments is contraindicated as a form of restraint, or for the management of behaviours related to clothing that could be managed in a less restrictive way.

1.5 Definitions and acronyms

Safety garment	A reinforced item of clothing that is tear resistant. It does not reduce movement or limit the tangata whaiora ability to move freely. It must
	only be used as a last resort after less restrictive interventions have been implemented and have been unsuccessful.
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2 Clinical management

2.1 Roles and responsibilities

Nursing Staff

Registered nurses who have achieved competency for safety gown use are able to make the decision for a tangata whaiora to be placed in a safety gown. All nursing staff have a responsibility to ensure that the tangata whaiora is cared for within a safe and respectful environment.

Managers

CNMs / ACNMs have responsibility for monitoring the appropriate use of safety gowns and escalation of their use to the Clinical Director, and if occurs after hours to the Charge Nurse Manager (CNM) of the ward via email.

2.2 Competency required

A registered nurse who has met the requirements of tier 3 of the mental health and addictions clinical practice skills checklist is able to make decisions about the use of a safety garment.

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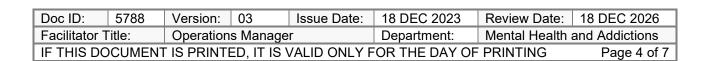
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2.3 Equipment

- · Safety gown or safety shorts and tunic that meet the health and safety clothing compliance standards as approved for use within the service
- DATIX incident system
- Safety garment checklist in the clinical workstation
- SOAP progress note in clinical workstation
- Risk assessment and pattern analysis in clinical workstation

2.4 Guideline

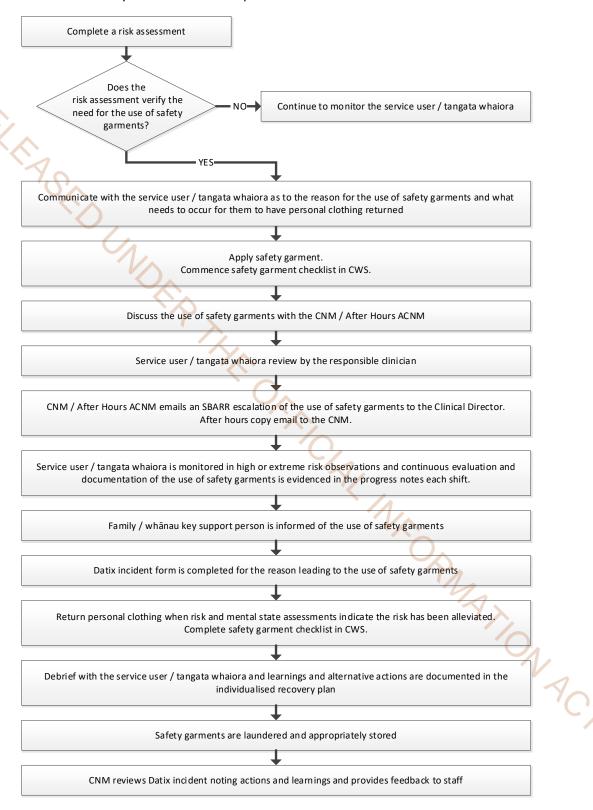
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2.5 After care

Ensure that the following documentation provides information as to the use of a safety garment:

- Assessment and rationale for use is clearly outlined in the progress note, including all escalation / communication processes - CNM or after hours ACNM, responsible clinician (R.C.), Clinical Director and whānau.
- Monitoring of use
- DATIX incident form was completed for the reason leading to the use of the safety garment. Include the incident number in the progress note and on the safety garment checklist.
- Risk assessment and pattern analysis the garments use is evident in the 'consequence of event' or 'protective factors' section
- Individuals recovery plan
- Safety garment checklist has been completed

Ensure documentation includes comments from the tangata whalora response to the use of a safety garment.

Patient information

The tangata whaiora must be informed of the safety concerns as to why a safety garment is Sh. being used and continuously provided with updates to ensure that they are able to have their clothing returned at the earliest opportunity.

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4.1 Indicators

Safety garments are used in accordance with this guideline.

4.2 Tools

- DATIX incident report
- Safety garment checklist in clinical workstation (CWS)

5 **Evidence base**

5.1 Associated Te Whatu Ora Waikato Documents

- Mental Health and Addictions Levels of Observation Across All Mental Health and Addictions Inpatient Services procedure (5238)
- Mental Health and Addictions Working with Risk: Assessment and intervention for tāngata whaiora engaged with Mental Health and Addictions services who present at risk of harm to self or others procedure (5241)

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- Incident Management policy (0104)
- Clinical Records Management policy (0182)
- SBARR Communication Tool guideline (5038)

5.2 External Standards

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