

# OREGON STATE HOSPITAL

PORTLAND – SALEM

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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SECTION 6: Patient Care

POLICY: 6.024

SUBJECT: Curfew

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### I. POLICY

In order to provide for the safety and security of patients, staff, and the public, a curfew shall be established to determine hours during which patients may be off their assigned units.

### II. DEFINITIONS

"Curfew" means the time at which patients must return to, and after which they may not leave their assigned unit, recreation yard, or secure perimeter.

"Secure Perimeter" means restricted high-security buildings, areas, and recreation yards that are operated to manage movement of patients/residents and Oregon State Hospital (OSH) staff, volunteers, contractors, and visitors. The purpose of the secure perimeter is to protect the general public and to maintain a safe and secure environment for delivering services to patients/residents. The following buildings and their secure yards are included in the secure perimeter: Kirkbride downtown area; Eola Hall (50A, 50B, 50C, 50D); Harbors; Trails; Bridges; Springs; Santiam Hall (34A, 34C, 34D); Brietenbush Hall (35B, 35A, 35C); Portland-OSH (P1A, P1B, P5A, P6A); Recreation Center; Forensic Visitor Center (77 Building); the secure OSH tunnel system controlled by the Communication Center, and the Vocational Services Complex.

### III. PROCEDURES

A. The curfew for all hospital patients is as follows (except for emergency medical transports):

1. Patients shall not leave the unit prior to 6:00 a.m.; and
  2. Patients shall return to the unit prior to 5:00 p.m. unless on an approved pass, or in an approved area for the program (i.e., in fenced yard or within locked buildings), or involved in an approved treatment activity as outlined in Procedures C, D and E.
- B. All OSH patients shall be on their assigned unit, recreation yard, or within the secure perimeter during curfew hours.
- C. Any patient movement (except emergency medical transports) off a patient's assigned unit, recreation yard, or outside the secure perimeter (on grounds) during curfew hours must have the written approval of the Nurse Manager.
- D. Any patient movement off a patient's assigned unit, recreation yard, or outside the secure perimeter (off grounds), except emergency medical transports, during curfew hours must have the written approval of the Program Director.
- E. Approvals for patient movement during curfew hours shall only be granted for specific time-limited structured treatment activities with a specific destination.
- F. The curfew for all hospital recreation yards is ½ hour prior to sunset as published in the daily local newspaper.
- G. Other than fire/life safety alarm responses, any exception to the recreation yard curfew must be a treatment activity approved by the Program Director.

Replaces Oregon State Hospital Policy and Procedure 6.024, *Curfew*, dated 01/04/2012.