

# SAFETY ALERT - LEVEL 1

XIII.12.B

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Protocol (describe precipitating events, conditions, or concerns)**

**Supervision Requirements - Level 1: Watch**

- Youth will be housed in a suicide-resistant room.
- Youth shall be searched and relieved of any objects, materials, shoe laces, belts, etc., which may be used to facilitate suicide.
- The youth's room is to be searched prior to the youth entering the room.
- A suicide prevention mat shall be placed in the room in which the youth is placed while on Safety Alert Level 1.
- Visual observation of the youth will occur a minimum of 6 times per hour, not to exceed 10 minutes between checks, and observations shall be recorded on the Observation Documentation Form (Attachment: VII.10.B).
- Youth will participate in normal activities (6:00 am to 9:00 pm), unless otherwise restricted.
- Youth shall not participate in Community Workforce when on Safety Alert Level 1.
- Youth will be escorted by staff when not on his/her current assigned pod.
- Doors to the bathroom/shower areas will be locked at all times. Youth are to be closely observed while utilizing the bathroom/shower area.
- Youth will be assessed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional at least once per day.
- If a youth on Safety Alert Level 1 is confined to a room for any reason (e.g. BMI, BMI Extension, DPI, Rotating Floor Schedule, etc.), the youth shall wear a suicide smock while inside his/her room, be provided with a suicide prevention mat, and remain under constant supervision (assigned, one-on-one staff remaining within five physical feet of youth). Youth shall wear standard dress when outside of his/her room.
- The JCW Supervisor is to come and observe the youth every 2 hours, and sign the Observation Documentation Form (Attachment: VII.10.B) at the time of their observation.
- Direct care staff shall conduct a briefing between shifts reviewing all information related to youth on a Safety Alert Level 1, including a review of the shift log and observations of the suicidal youth.
- Youth will be maintained on Safety Alert Level 1 for a minimum of 24 hours.

**Precautionary Measures**

**Incentives and Other Special Instructions**

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Name of Initiating Staff & Title (if other than QMHP)

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Signature

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Name of Qualified Mental Health Professional

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Signature