Safety Check

"Safety Check" has been selected as the LAMC safety phrase. It is meant to be a ***non-threatening*** way for healthcare workers to Speak-Up and STOP THE LINE regarding patient safety and workplace safety (WPS) concerns.

ASK YOURSELF

- Does an unsafe condition exist?
- Am I or my coworker about to engage in an at-risk behavior, unsafe practice or process?
- Am I or my coworker about to use unfamiliar equipment or equipment that is not working properly?

AFTER A SAFETY CHECK IS CALLED

- Pause to hear the concern
- Evaluate if a change in action is needed and follow-though if so
- Respond to the concern
- Thank the staff member for pointing out their concern

ESCALATION IF YOUR SAFETY CHECK GOES UNANSWERED

It is Kaiser Permanente's policy that Safety Checks should occur without fear of repercusion to employees who call Safety Checks. If a "Safety Check" is not enough to resolve the safety concern, the escalation process should be implemented.

Employee > Supervisor > Manager > Director

Top 8 reasons to use a Safety Check:

- Lifting heavy material or large packages unassisted
- Pulling instead of pushing equipment
- Repositioning or performing vertical transfers of patients either alone or without SPH equipment
- Loose cords or other clutter across a walking path
- Unmarked wet floors
- Possible wrong site-procedure
- Unclear handoff report
- Patient identification concerns

Share Your Safety Check Story!

If you use a "Safety Check," please tell us your story. Your experience provides us with great information and allows us to share safety concerns with everyone!
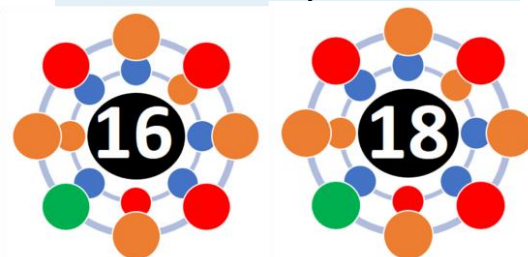
To report an unsafe condition, contact **323-783-SAFE**
If you see broken equipment, contact **323-783-4FIX**

To log a WPS Safety Check, visit the WPS Website

kp.org/losangeles

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