

# Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

CLINICAL RESEARCH UNIT

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## Personal Safety Alarm Buttons

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**Purpose:** To maximize safety in the CRU environment of care, the CRU provides staff with two personal safety alarm buttons.

### Policy

1. Personal safety alarm buttons are used to obtain urgent security officer support for incidents when staff feel personally threatened or when there is an intrusion by unauthorized individuals on the CRU.
2. Usage of the alarm buttons is left to the discretion of the staff. It is for personal safety concerns only.
3. The panic button should not be pushed unless a situation arises that requires security to respond immediately except during testing.
4. The panic button will be tested monthly by the CRU staff in collaboration with security.

### Procedure:

1. Each staff member will be oriented to the use, location and reset procedure for the panic alarm buttons.
2. The personal panic buttons are located under the nurses' station front desk and in the sleep monitoring room.
3. When faced with a threatening situation, staff must push the panic button and it silently alerts security.
4. The panic button rings in the security office, and a security officer is immediately dispatched to the CRU.
5. Once the situation is resolved, the panic button must be reset for operation by the security officer.

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