

# 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. 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. Usage of the alarm buttons is left to the discretion of the staff. It is for personal safety concerns only. (It does not have clinical application. It will not alert the code team, etc.)

**Procedure:**

1. Each staff member will be oriented to the use, location and reset of the panic alarm buttons.
2. The personal panic buttons are located under the nurses' station front desk and mid way down the hall on the left between rooms 302 and 308.
3. When faced with a threatening situation, staff 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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