

## Keeping patients at risk for self-harm safe in the emergency department: a protocolized approach.

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Patient suicide, attempted suicide, or self-harm are considered '[never events](#).' This article describes the development and implementation of a safety protocol for emergency department (ED) patients at [risk for self-harm](#), including the creation of safe bathrooms and increasing the number of trained observers in the ED. Implementation of the protocol was correlated with lower rates of self-harm.