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In an effort to keep up with the rapid increase in the number of products available for use in behavioral health facilities, this document will be updated frequently. The date of each edition is on the cover and at the top of each page of the document.

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This edition has been extensively reorganized and edited since the last edition. The major difference is the inclusion of the Baseline Considerations section which starts on page 14. This is intended to simplify and clarify the differences between the various Levels of Risk introduced in the Safety section starting on page 11. The Section for each risk level now only addresses how that Level differs from the Baseline Considerations.

For convenience for those who are accessing this electronically, The Table of Contents and Appendix Index items are linked so that clicking on an item will take the reader to the selected item.

Due to the extent of this reorganization, the text that has been revised since the last edition is not shown in blue, as has been our practice in the past.

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Introduction

This document is intended to address the built environment of the general adult inpatient behavioral health care unit. Additional considerations that are not addressed here are required for child and adolescent patients, patients with medical care needs, dementia patients, and some patients with diagnoses such as substance abuse and eating disorders.

This document is not a replacement for regulatory requirements, but rather augments them to detail practical means of protecting patients and staff. It is intended to represent leading current practices, in the opinion of the authors. It is not intended to represent minimum acceptable conditions and should not be interpreted as establishing a legal “standard of care” that facilities are required to follow.

Please Note

Product information included in this document is intended for illustration of one or more specific items that are deemed appropriate for use in this type of facility. Comparable products by other manufacturers that meet the same design criteria may be substituted after careful comparison.
A Word from the Authors

This Design Guide continues to be co-authored by James M. Hunt, AIA, Founder and Senior Consultant of Behavioral Health Facility Consulting, and David M. Sine, DrBE, ARM, CSP, CPHRM, president of SafetyLogic Systems. As the Design Guide continues to evolve, we are pleased to be joined by Kimberly N. McMurray, AIA, EDAC, MBA who is the Principal of Behavioral Health Facility Consulting, LLC. She brings an architectural career dedicated to healthcare design, including a period of being on staff at a major academic medical center. She is currently immersed in the daily contact with organizations and designers engaged in the process of navigating through today’s complex behavioral health environments.

It is based on our experiences in the field as operators, designers, consultants, and surveyors. Our goal is to share what we have seen that is working and what we have seen that has not worked. Since the document was first electronically published by the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) in 2003 we have received and welcomed countless suggestions, recommendations, and comments from users of the Design Guide, which continue to inform and lead us to new discoveries. We are grateful and humbled by how well our suggestions have been received and that they have inspired others to think of new solutions to the inherent challenges of the behavioral health, built environment.

We hope this edition of the Behavioral Health Design Guide (formerly the Design Guide for the Built Environment of Behavioral Health Facilities) will meet the expectations of and prove useful to the operators, clinicians and designers who are entrusted with both the care of behavioral health patients and with the environment of care in which those people are cared for and treated.

As always, we introduce this edition with the same reminder we used to introduce the inaugural edition in 2003: “While a safe environment is critical, no environment of care can be totally safe and free of risk. No built environment—no matter how well designed and constructed—can be relied upon as an absolute preventive measure. Staff awareness of their environment, the latent risks of that environment, and the behavioral characteristics and needs of the patients served in that environment are absolute necessities. We also know that different organizations and different patient populations will require greater or lesser tolerance for risk; an environment for one patient population will not be appropriate for another. Each organization should continually visit and revisit their tolerance for risk and changes in the dynamics of the patient population served.”

As in earlier editions, we have highlighted products we have found to be more safe and able to withstand the rigors of use in the behavioral health care environment. However, inclusion or exclusion of a product does not indicate endorsement or disapproval of that product, nor does it suggest that any product we identify is free of risk. As well, there may be equivalent products available; all facilities should continually look to the marketplace to find products that are safer and more cost-effective.

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Resources

**ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act.** The Americans with Disabilities Act gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications. See [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov).

**CMS - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.** CMS is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is responsible for the administration of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. They are currently finalizing their proposed “Clarification of Ligature Risk Interpretable Guidelines”. Text of the draft is available on their website and at [www.bhfcllc.com](http://www.bhfcllc.com).

**FGI Guidelines - FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals.** Published by the Facility Guidelines Institute and is adopted as law by some states and used by some courts as establishing a Standard of Care. Verify edition that may be adopted at any specific location with local AHJ. The authors recommend complying with the latest published edition for all projects. This volume includes chapters on free-standing psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units in general hospitals. Other volumes are available for Outpatient Facilities and Residential Health Care and Support Facilities. For information on purchasing the FGI Guidelines, visit [www.fgiguidelines.org](http://www.fgiguidelines.org).

**HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 1996.** The Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) enforces the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which protects the privacy of individually identifiable health information; the HIPAA Security Rule, which sets national standards for the security of electronic protected health information; and the confidentiality provisions of the Patient Safety Rule, which protect identifiable information being used to analyze patient safety events and improve patient safety. See [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy).

**IAHSS - International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety**
See [www.iahss.org](http://www.iahss.org)


**NIC - National Institute of Corrections.** See [www.nicic.gov](http://www.nicic.gov).

**TJC - The Joint Commission.** There is now free access to a Suicide Prevention Portal on [TJC’s website](http://www.jointcommission.org). This contains the recommendations of TJC’s Expert Panel on Suicide Prevention, related National Patient Safety Goals discussion regarding tools for evaluating the suicidal intention of patients. This is kept updated with the latest information and is available to all without a subscription fee.

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More Information on Specific Topics

- **GLAZING:** Syroka & Associates, Inc.
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- **HOSPITAL SECURITY:** Healthcare Security Consultants, Inc.
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Glossary

- **Ligature-Resistant:** TJC, in its November 2017 Edition of its *Perspectives* newsletter recommends the term “Ligature-Resistant” over “Ligature-Free” because it is not possible to remove all potential ligature risk points that could be used in a suicide attempt. It defines Ligature-Resistant as, “**Without points where a cord, rope, bedsheet, or other fabric/material can be looped or tied to create a substantial point of attachment that may result in self-harm or loss of life.**”

- **Tamper-Resistant:** For the purposes of this document, the authors use the term “tamper-resistant” to refer to items that are difficult for patients to remove or damage using items to which they typically have access.

- **Safety Risk Assessment:** The *FGI Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospitals* (2018 Edition) *Section 1.2-4 Safety Risk Assessment (SRA)* requires that such an assessment, including *Section 1.2-4.6 Behavioral and Mental Health Risk (Psychiatric Patient Injury and Suicide Prevention) Assessment* as described therein be performed for all such facilities.

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A Word from BHFC

The Behavioral Health Design Guide (Design Guide) addresses the built environment for adult inpatient behavioral health care units and the evolving Design Guide was moved from its former home with the Facilities Guidelines Institute or FGI to its present home on the Behavioral Health Facility Consulting, LLC (BHFC) website, www.bhfcllc.com in 2018. We found this move necessary in order to preserve the independence of the Design Guide and, through affiliate relationships, to provide even more organizations and their members access to a document that addresses leading practice design challenges of the built environment for adult inpatient behavioral health care units.

Some of the elements of the Design Guide, such as the Environmental Safety Risk Assessment tool, will continue to appear in the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities. This Design Guide provides much more detail and leading practices for protecting patients and staff as identified through the authors’ years of practice in the field. The Design Guide is not intended as a replacement for regulatory requirements nor to be employed as a legal “standard of care.” Its content is provided to augment the fundamental design requirements for behavioral health facilities and to help providers and design teams develop physical environments that support safe and effective behavioral health services.

As always, we should remind readers that the Design Guide does not discuss the additional concerns that must be addressed when designing behavioral health facilities for child and adolescent patients, patients with medical care needs, geriatric patients, or some patients with diagnoses such as substance abuse and eating disorders.

Information is included about products that have been found to be more safe for use in the behavioral health built environment but is in no way a complete list of products available that may be appropriate, while recognizing that no product is entirely without risk. We should also point out that the editors vigorously resist offers to monetize the Design Guide or be compensated by enthusiastic vendors.

The Design Guide is updated periodically, and while we trust you will find the latest changes helpful, our goal is to provide updates more frequently than has been possible in the past, so please return to these pages occasionally to make sure you are referring to the most current edition.

Thank you for your continued interest in and use of the Behavioral Health Design Guide.

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General Comments

A. Space Planning Considerations

Behavioral health units and facilities are preferred to be designed to appear comfortable, attractive, relaxing and as residential in character as possible. The focus on patient and staff safety has often pushed the aesthetics of these units toward the appearance of a prison environment. To better meet the needs of patients, the final design must avoid an “institutional look” while meeting the array of applicable codes and regulations and addressing the therapeutic and safety needs of patients and staff. These no longer need to be either-or trade-offs. Both safety and therapeutic environment are possible in a well-designed facility that has a non-institutional appearance that is correct for the unique conditions that exist in each facility.

1. The FGI Guidelines Section 1.2-4 requires that a Safety Risk Assessment (SRA) be performed to determine the level of risk that is acceptable for both patients and staff in each part of the patient accessible areas of behavioral health units. The SRA Report is vital and must be consulted in reaching all safety related decisions.

2. Nurse station designs are preferred to provide the least acceptable barrier between staff and patients. This goal may conflict with staff safety concerns as patients may be able to reach or jump over counters. Some facilities have found ways to design nurse stations that protect against these actions without discouraging conversation and exchange of objects between staff and patients (See photos at right, note fine vertical lines in the Enclosed photo). When minimal physical barriers are provided, it is often desirable to include a conveniently located lockable door through which staff can retreat when feeling threatened. HIPAA privacy regulations can make use of an “open” design challenging because patient records, electronic or otherwise, must be protected from view by other patients, visitors, and unauthorized staff. However, advancements in electronic medical records have somewhat reduced the need to locate all charting-related activities and spaces in the area behind the nurse station. Since the electronic “chart” can be accessed from many locations, the area around the nurse station can often be used for more patient-centered activities. When a more open nurse station is achieved, other areas where clinical staff can discuss patients without being overheard is needed.

3. Location of gathering areas for patients near the nurse station is encouraged because patients often congregate by the nurse station to socialize. It is far better to plan for this behavior and accommodate it in the original design. Such gathering areas should include comfortable seating and places for conversation, card or board games, and other quiet activities that will not distract staff working in the nurse station. Television sets and other electronic entertainment equipment is not preferred in these locations. Many facilities are now experiencing issues, especially with younger patient populations,
regarding use of personal electronic devices (e.g., iPods, MP-3 players, and similar devices). Patients say these electronics help keep them calm, but the wires on the earphones can be hazardous. The decision about how to handle this potential hazard is just one of many decisions that behavioral health organizations need to weigh to determine the level of risk they are willing to accept for the perceived benefit. It should always be remembered that a patient who has been assessed as safe to use a player may set it down where another patient may pick it up to gain access to the wires.

4. Chart rooms and other staff areas should be located so staff members can have conversations and make phone calls regarding patients and other clinical matters without being overheard by patients or visitors. Teaching hospitals that have a large number of residents and/or students making rounds will need larger spaces for confidential conversations. The expanded use of electronic medical record technology is continuing to change the needs and configurations of these spaces.

5. Facilities for medication distribution should support the organization’s practices but allow for flexibility. Medication management has evolved over the years from patients lining up at a window at designated times to staff taking medications to patients wherever they are on the unit. While the trend is strongly toward the latter, some facilities prefer the former or some variation of the two. This practice should be clearly defined in every facility’s functional program and safety risk assessment. Flexibility should be designed into the built environment to allow for future changes in how this critical function is provided. Medication rooms and/or zones should also be provided in accordance with the requirements of the FGI Guidelines and all other applicable codes, standards and regulations.

6. Where possible, locate service areas (such as trash rooms and clean and soiled utility rooms) so they are accessible from both the unit and a service corridor. This eliminates the need for environmental staff servicing these rooms to enter the treatment areas of the unit and possibly disturb patient activities. All doors to these rooms must be kept locked at all times.

7. Traditional nurse call systems for patients to request assistance from nursing staff are not required in behavioral health units by the FGI Guidelines. Significant new developments in duress alarm systems greatly improve safety for staff who find themselves threatened by patients. Sensors located in all patient-accessible areas are activated using a small device that the staff members wear. Staff may activate the alarm when they feel threatened and want other staff to come. Different alarm products annunciate in different ways, but many provide the exact location of the staff member activating the alarm.

8. All electrical outlets in patient rooms are required by the FGI Guidelines to be tamper-resistant, hospital-grade units on ground-fault interrupted circuits. The breakers for these circuits should be located so staff can easily access them without entering patient rooms. This is easy to accomplish in new construction but can be very difficult to achieve in remodeling projects. If receptacles with individual reset buttons are provided, they should be wired so that activation of one receptacle’s breaker does not deactivate the entire circuit.

9. Where possible, locate water shut-off valves for patient accessible bathrooms in corridor walls so they can be accessed from the corridor by opening a locked access door. This has been successfully accomplished during remodeling projects of existing units as well as new construction projects.

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10. Where possible, locate serviceable parts of patient room HVAC systems where they can be serviced without entering the room. In new construction, consideration may be given to radiant heating and cooling systems that greatly reduce the need for mechanical devices in patient rooms.

11. Housekeeping rooms should be large enough to lock away carts when not in use. All cleaning materials must be locked inside these carts at all times when carts are in patient areas or corridors and not attended by staff.

12. Smoking areas (if provided) should be outdoors. Furniture should be securely anchored in place. Provision should be made for staff observation without having to breathe secondhand smoke. No wastebaskets should be allowed in these areas. Indoor smoking is not permitted in most facilities, and many hospitals now have smoke-free campuses.

13. At the time of this writing, the FGI Guidelines require 100 net usable square feet per private patient room and 80 net usable square feet per patient in semi-private rooms (Section 2.5-2.2.2.2). All requirements of these FGI Guidelines, the NFPA 101: Life Safety Code® (2012 Edition) and applicable building codes should be carefully followed.

B. Safety

Safety for both patients and staff is a primary concern for all behavioral health facilities.

The level of concern for how the design of the built environment affects the safety of patients and staff is not the same in all parts of a behavioral health unit or facility. The level of precautions necessary depends on the staff’s knowledge of the patient’s intentions regarding self-harm and the amount of supervision the patient will have while using that part of the facility. Previous editions of this Design Guide have proposed that the level of concern for patient safety in the behavioral health built environment can be separated into five categories (with five being the highest level of concern). The concept is that areas that patients do not enter can be designed similar to other hospitals. Areas that patients will enter have some latitude in design, construction, and what materials can be allowed. The lowest patient accessible areas are spaces that are behind self-closing, self-locking doors and where staff are always present with patients. Much stricter requirements need to be met for areas where patients will be alone for long periods of time with minimal supervision. These levels are discussed in detail below. The concept of this level system has been confirmed by independent and peer-reviewed research (Bayramzadeh, S, Health Environments Research & Design Journal 2017, Vol.10(2) 66-80).

Many organizations have adopted this approach of assessing levels of concern based on a functional statement of intended use and have agreed on the level of risk for rooms or spaces with similar occupant functions. However, caution is necessary as some rooms or room functions can fit comfortably into more than one category or sit on a blurry boundary between two categories. As well, the categories do not always anticipate every use of every room. This blurry boundary can result in clinical staff and facility designers basing design choices on assumptions about the use of a room and its corresponding level of concern that may not meet the actual needs of the stakeholders in an operating environment.

(continued on page 13)
**Level I:** Areas where patients are not allowed.

**Level II:** Areas behind self-closing and self-locking doors where patients are highly supervised and not left alone such as counseling rooms, activity rooms, interview rooms, group rooms as well as corridors that do not contain objects that patients can use for climbing and where staff are regularly present.

**Level III:** Areas that are not behind self-closing and self-locking doors where patients may spend time with minimal supervision such as lounges, day rooms and corridors where staff are not regularly present. Open nurse stations should be considered under this Level.

**Level IV:** Areas where patients spend a great deal of time alone with minimal or no supervision, such as patient rooms (semi-private and private) and patient toilets.

**Level V:** Areas where staff interact with newly admitted patients who present potential unknown risks or where patients may be in highly agitated condition. Due to these conditions, these areas fall outside the parameters of the risk map and require special considerations for patient (and staff) safety. Such areas include seclusion rooms, examination rooms, and admission rooms.

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For example, a day room may be located within the sight line of a nurse station that “always has staff present.”

However, if a patient who can’t sleep is in the day room watching television at 2 a.m. and the only staff member on duty is making rounds, the patient may be “completely alone” for a period of time in a space that may contain hazards.

The authors of the Design Guide propose use of an environmental safety risk assessment (ESRA) to facilitate conversation between clinical staff and designers regarding patient safety. The ESRA uses a Cartesian matrix to relate an opportunity for a patient to be alone in a space on one axis to a level of risk of self-harm on the other axis. The greater the opportunity for a patient to be alone, the greater the opportunity for self-harm and the greater the caution that should be taken regarding design choices and materials.

Although patient intent for self-harm is often opaque and difficult to assess, in the matrix we have placed “actively suicidal” on the far end of the scale and describe the opposite end as “self-harm not anticipated.” Privacy ranges from close observation (such as “1:1 observation”) on one end of the opportunity scale and the patient “completely alone” on the opposite end.

This risk matrix is informed by Veterans Health Administration longitudinal studies that have identified frequent locations of acts of self-harm by inpatients, Joint Commission data, and Richard Prouty’s seminal work on risk maps. Designers and clinicians, rather than seeking agreement on what is meant by the name of a room, may now seek to agree on the actual or anticipated degree of aloneness or privacy a patient will experience in a room or space (independent of its name), and it is that agreement that will drive design choices for the room or space.

For example, a patient bathroom in which the patient is anticipated to be alone and have privacy would be far along the privacy axis. If that assessment intersects far along the patient intent for self-harm axis, the space should be designed with the attributes of a Level IV space as described in this document. In sum, no matter the name of the room, a high level of privacy warrants a high level of concern if it is anticipated that patients who are actively suicidal (or patients with an unknown or unassessed intent for self-harm) are to be treated or housed in that space. While different products may be used for spaces with risk assessments located in the Level IV quadrant of the risk matrix than for spaces in the Level I quadrant, the higher risk locations do not necessarily need to look more “institutional.”

The authors believe the use of a tool such as the environmental safety risk assessment matrix will facilitate necessary conversations regarding patient safety and design between operators, clinicians, and designers. However, the tool is not intended to predict risk levels in a facility, which the authors believe to be dynamic and non-static. Rather, it is intended to encourage dialog and promote a common understanding of the patients a designed space is intended for and the risks of that anticipated patient population.

Also note that use of the matrix should not be interpreted as a suggestion that patient privacy is not important or is a risk to be avoided. On the contrary, privacy is generally considered...
Construction and Materials Considerations

Each level of concern in the patient safety risk assessment matrix requires increased attention to the built environment to reduce the potential for patients harming themselves or others. There truly is no “one-size-fits-all” solution to the design of these environments. Many factors must be considered and the patient populations, staffing patterns, organizational culture and challenges of the existing built environment are unique for each unit of each facility. The authors suggest the following baseline set of considerations from which the staff of an organization can begin their considerations of what is the best solution for their facilities. The following suggestions may be adjusted to be either more or less restrictive as desired for individual applications.

A. Baseline considerations for patient areas

For the purposes of this document, the Authors have designated the needs of Level III spaces to be the Baseline for suggested conditions. Some items may be somewhat less stringent for Level II areas if such items are consistent with the Safety Risk Assessment as well as TJC and other regulatory requirements. Some items may need additional attention for Level IV and V areas as discussed in their sections.

Blind spots in corridors and other areas where patients cannot be observed from an attended staff station. All unattended rooms are suggested to be locked at all times to reduce the possibility of patients entering them.

1. Openings

a. Doors:

i. Barricade Risks – The direction of swing is very important. Doors that swing into any room which patients may enter can be susceptible to being barricaded by patients. This can be either intentional or accidental (if a patient should lose consciousness and fall against the door). In either case, it can be very difficult for staff to enter the room when needed. If intentional, it can be to attempt self-harm or to inflict harm on a staff member or another patient. This risk can be mitigated in several ways:
• **Out-swinging doors** – Doors that are hinged to swing out of the room are more difficult to barricade but may create issues with the Life Safety Code and other building codes by restricting the width of exit passageways. This may be addressed by recessing the door back from the face of a corridor wall which may create an alcove that is difficult to observe. The *FGI Guidelines* warn that alcoves are to be avoided.

• **Double-acting doors** – doors that are hinged to normally swing into a space, but staff may release to swing out of the space is one option to the barricading risk. The hardware needed for this solution is discussed below in the Door Hardware section.

• **Wicket doors** – These are single in-swinging doors that have a portion of the that is locked in the closed position and is hinged to swing out of the room. This can allow access to the room if barricading occurs.

• **Unequal pair of double egress doors** – If there is sufficient length of corridor wall present, a pair of doors can be provided. The active leaf is normal width and for normal use and is hinged to swing into the room. The inactive leaf is narrower and hinged to swing out of the room when unlocked by staff for emergency access. These can be done with or without a vertical frame member (mullion) between the two doors. Providing the mullion allows less complicated hardware and quieter operation. Not providing the vertical frame member results in additional opening width that is sometimes desirable.

• **An additional door** can be provided (preferably out-swinging) that can be used by staff to leave the room or for other staff to enter the room. This can be an effective safety measure. The additional door may be into an adjacent room such as an office if the door is not needed for code compliance reasons. All “additional doors” provided for this purpose will need to be barricade resistant and meet all applicable codes and regulations.
ii. Door materials – Doors in behavioral health facilities are subject to heavy use and possibly extensive abuse. They make up a significant percentage of the exposed wall surface in corridors and thus have a strong visual impact on these spaces.

- Painted steel doors are durable, easily touched up or refinished, but more institutional in appearance. Doors with wood veneer faces and stain and varnish finish are more “residential” in character but are easily damaged and difficult to repair. Plastic laminate is easily chipped and may yield sharp objects that may be used as weapons and is never advised in these facilities. If existing doors have plastic laminate for exposed surfaces it may be desirable to provide stainless steel kick plates, door edges, and other add-on devices, although these can add to an institutional look. (NOTE: The installation of kick plates may invalidate the fire rating of doors in some jurisdictions.) Kick plates and other protective devices are also available in durable synthetic materials that come in a variety of colors, which soften the stainless-steel look but can still result in a patchwork appearance.

- Durable Synthetic Facing - A possible solution to these issues is doors faced with a durable synthetic that has a wood grain appearance. Some of these doors have removable end caps, which can be replaced if they become damaged at much less expense than replacing the entire door. Doors with synthetic faces without the replaceable end caps are available for a lower initial cost.

Although the first cost for these synthetic-faced doors is higher than for doors of other materials, they do not require the added expense of finishing the doors and purchasing and installing kick plates, etc. Thus, the life cycle cost can potentially be less than for other doors, and the appearance over time may be a significant improvement.
b. **Door Hardware** – Hardware on doors that connect to a higher Level of Risk shall have hardware suitable for the higher level of risk.

i. **Hinges**: Geared-type continuous hinges are preferred for all doors patients will pass through and normally locked doors that have hinges exposed in patient accessible areas because they minimize possible attachment points. These hinges are available from various manufacturers with a “hospital tip” (factory installed closed-sloped top) and continuous gears that resist ligature attachment."\(^{111}\) Field cutting the top of hinges to create this slope is strongly discouraged because that often exposes voids that may be used as ligature attachment points.

Geared continuous hinges do provide significant pinch points between the two leaves of the hinge when the door is closed. If this is not an acceptable risk to an organization, double acting continuous hinges that do not have this pinch point\(^{113}\) can be provided.

ii. **Double-acting continuous hinges**\(^{113}\) can be used on patient room-to-corridor doors to counteract barricading without the hazard presented by pivot hinges. These continuous hinges can be paired with full-height emergency stops\(^{115}\) that lock in place and can be easily unlocked to allow the door to swing into the corridor.

iii. **Wicket doors**\(^{44}\) use single acting continuous geared hinges with hospital tips for the main door and the center portion is mounted on a continuous geared hinge with hospital tip (or concealed) hinge and secured with a deadbolt lock that has no visible hardware on the room side of the door. Care should be taken with the detail of the edge of the smaller panel so that a crack is not provided that can be seen through and is smoke tight if required.

iv. **Unequal pair of double egress doors** - Both doors may be mounted on single acting continuous geared hinges with hospital tips. The lockset can be the same as any other single-acting door. If the mullion is not provided, a deadlock with concealed flushbolts that engage the head of the door frame (and possibly the floor) is needed for the smaller inactive leaf. This deadlock is preferred to not have any visible hardware on the room side of the door. If the mullion is provided, a deadbolt that does not
have any exposed hardware on the inside can be used to secure the door into the mullion

v. Closers – See Level II

vi. Locksets – Use of some type of ligature-resistant lockset is recommended for all door handles in patient-accessible areas. A lockset handle can be used for ligature attachment in three ways: pulling down, pulling up and over the top of the door, and tying something around the latch edge of the door using both the inside and outside handles (transverse). The latchbolt itself has even been used successfully as an attachment point and some companies offer a tapered bolt to help with this. The downside to the tapered bolt is that it makes it easier to open a locked door by using a small piece of cardboard or other item. Also, the opening behind the strike plate can be a ligature attachment point; for this reason, a box should always be provided behind the strike plate. In our opinion, the perfect solution for this dilemma does not exist at this time. Several of the better options are discussed below.

• Locksets with a Lever Handle\textsuperscript{130} – These effectively reduce the level of risk of up and down pressure but are susceptible to transverse attachment. The lever should move freely in both directions when locked to reduce ligature attachment risks. This type of handle is more typical (less institutional) in appearance and operation than other choices. Both of these qualities are very desirable in items that patients will touch and use on a regular basis. However, lever handles may be susceptible to transverse attachment as mentioned above.

• Crescent Handle Lockset\textsuperscript{136} – This type of lockset has a lever handle and thumb turn that are ligature-resistant and may meet ADA requirements. It is available with a handle that can be mounted in either horizontal or vertical position and allows the user’s hand to easily slip off the free end.

• Push/Pull Hardware – This type of door handle is available with a flush push pad on one side and a ligature-resistant pull handle on the other.\textsuperscript{137b}
• Modified Lever Handles\textsuperscript{131} – These provide minimal ligature attachment risk but have an unusual appearance and operating motion. They are available in various designs.

i. Elopement Buffers (generally called sally ports) – The 2018 Edition of the \textit{FGI Guidelines} calls for the “primary access point to the locked unit to be through a sally port” (Section 2.5-2.2.1.2). The Appendix for this section states that a sally port has two doors (or two sets of cross-corridor doors) that are electrically interlocked\textsuperscript{144} and “the sally port should be long enough and the door wide enough to accommodate passage of a bed or laundry cart.”

ii. Access Control of elopement buffers (sally ports) and other entry/exit points from a locked unit, including stairways.

The Safety Risk Assessment should state whether normally locked unit exit doors are going to automatically unlock when the fire alarm is activated (fail safe operation) or remain locked when the fire alarm is activated (fail secure operation). This determination should be reviewed with the local code authority for compliance with local regulations.

• Provide intercom (or telephone) for communication to staff stations from outside the unit if needed.

• Electronically controlled access systems are preferred for sally ports. These may be operated by a switch at the nurse station if the door is clearly visible from the location of the release button. (Care should be taken to assure that patients are not in the area when the door is released.) Card readers or keypads adjacent to the door are also commonly used. These are readily available from hardware suppliers and are often extensions of systems already in place at the facility.

• Metal Detectors\textsuperscript{660} – Some organizations have expressed the desire to use metal detectors to assist
with screening patients and/or visitors entering their behavioral health facilities. Some choose to use hand-held detectors and others use standard walk-through detectors. These are addressed under Electronic Safety in Section 10 below.

iii. Cross-Corridor Doors – These doors are provided for several reasons, and each has its own unique function and requirements. Some are part of code required fire rated partitions and normally held open and others are to restrict patient or public access and normally locked and may automatically unlock when the fire alarm is activated (fail safe operation) or remain locked when the fire alarm is activated (fail secure operation).

• When there is concern that electromagnetic locks may not be sufficient to hold these doors when impacted by patients, concealed deadbolts with the electric release in the lever handle (or card reader) or electric strikes (for single doors) may be provided. Electronically controlled access systems are preferred.

• Door closers may be required or desired for these doors depending on their purpose and function. Doors that will be held in the open position will probably have an exposed arm that should be acknowledged in the Safety Risk Assessment as a known risk that the staff needs to be aware of.

• Magnetic hold-open devices where required or desired for doors that are to be normally open and must close when the fire alarm is activated and are suggested to be as discussed below.

• Hinges for these doors are preferred to be continuous geared hinges with hospital tips. Pivot hinges are discouraged because the top pin is presents a serious ligature attachment risk.

iv. Hardware for other unit doors

• Doors for which applicable codes and regulations require a closer but that need to be open to allow staff observation of patients are preferred to be provided.
with a closer that has a built-in release\textsuperscript{10} that allows the door to close automatically when the fire alarm is activated. The more standard magnetic hold open devices that are separate items provide ligature attachment risks and are less desirable.

- Doors that swing into rooms that patients will enter, are strongly suggested to have one of the barricade-resistant methods discussed above.

v. Door Smoke Seals – These may be required in some situations and are often applied with adhesive strips that can allow patients to remove them to use as ligatures. Smoke seals that break into 8’- long pieces\textsuperscript{10} are preferred for use on all doors that patients will pass through. These are available from several manufacturers.

vi. Door Hardware for patient use toilet and shower room doors that open into patient accessible areas other than patient bedrooms are suggested to have the following:

• Full-size, tight-fitting doors

• Out-swinging geared continuous hinges with hospital tips or double acting hinges with emergency release stops

• Ligature resistant handles and storeroom function locks

• Closers that are either concealed or not mounted on the toilet or shower room side of the door.

• Over door alarms

vii. Over Door alarms - The top of all tight-fitting doors provides a pinch point that allows a patient to tie a knot (in a sheet, the leg of a pair of jeans, or other object), place it over the top of the door, and close the door to create a hanging device. One way to reduce this risk is with a pressure-sensitive or photoelectric device placed near the top of the door that can sound an alarm\textsuperscript{150} when activated. The bottom of doors can also present a risk if the gator roll technique is attempted. One product will detect this also.
c. Windows - When glazing that is exposed in patient-accessible areas is broken it needs to stay in the frame and not yield sharp shards that patients could use as weapons. Terminology can be confusing in that laminated glass like that used in vehicle windows is often referred to as “safety glass” but, when broken, can yield large sharp pieces. All glazing materials that are exposed in all patient accessible areas should be considered, including the exterior surface of windows accessible from exterior courtyards to be used by patients.

The 2018 edition of the FGI Guidelines contains the following reference to window testing:

2.5-7.2.2.5 Windows...

(1) Windows located in patient care areas or areas used by patients, including the exterior pane of windows accessible by patients for outdoor courtyards, shall be designed to limit the opportunities for patients to seriously harm themselves by breaking the windows and using pieces of the broken glazing material to inflict harm to themselves or others.

(a) All glazing (both interior and exterior), borrowed lights, and glass mirrors shall be fabricated with polycarbonate or laminate on the inside of the glazing or with any glazing that meets or exceeds the requirements for Class 1.4 per ASTM F1233: Standard Test Method for Security Glazing Material and Systems.

(b) Use of tempered glass for borrowed lights shall be permitted.

(2) To prevent opportunities for suicide, self-harm, and escape, the entire window system and the anchorage for windows and window assemblies, including frames and glazing, shall be:

(a) Designed to resist impact loads of 2,000 foot-pounds applied from the inside

(b) Tested in accordance with AAMA 501.8-13: Standard Test Method for Determination of Resistance to Human Impact of Window
Systems Intended for Use in Psychiatric Applications. Where operable windows are used, hinges and locking devices shall also be tested.

Advances in different types of safety glass (see “Glazing” below in this section) make it worthwhile to consult an expert for advice for a specific project.

i. Exterior Windows – The height above the ground, patient population, and many other factors should be taken into account in choosing these materials. Comply with the FGI Guidelines and all applicable codes and regulations for glazing, frame installation and operable sash.

In locations where the building’s prime window does not meet the requirements of the FGI Guidelines, an additional layer is sometimes provided inside of the prime window to provide the required protections.

ii. Interior Windows - These do not have the same concerns of falling from heights as exterior windows, but breakage concerns are similar. Careful attention should be paid to fire-rated partitions and all applicable building and fire code regulations as well as the FGI Guidelines’ requirements listed above.

Some facilities prefer to use painted hollow metal window frames for these windows because they have rounded corners and aluminum frames often have very sharp corners.

d. Operable Windows – Windows in all patient-accessible areas should comply with all applicable codes and regulations for operable sash. Where operable windows are provided, they should be equipped with sash control devices that limit the opening to 4 inches per the ADA 4” ball test and that, where required, can be released to full opening using a key for evacuation purposes. Window systems are also available that allow fresh air through a vent at the bottom or by sliding the window open a few inches.

e. Glazing - (Interior and Exterior) –

i. Standards – All glazing in patient-accessible areas should be security glazing as discussed in the FGI Guidelines’ subparagraph “c” above.
ii. Impact-Resistant Glass Products – Several glass manufacturers offer products that may be appropriate for use in behavioral health facilities. The products chosen will vary depending on the size of the opening, type of frame, patient population being served, and location of the glazing in the unit (as determined by the patient safety risk assessment) including the distance the opening is above grade. We suggest contacting manufacturers directly to determine which products may be appropriate for a specific project.

- **Fire-Rated Glass** – Clear fire-rated glass products are now available in a variety of types and ratings and some are rated for impact resistance.

- **Glass-Clad Polycarbonate Glazing** – Two layers of heat-strengthened glass are bonded to a polycarbonate core. This combination keeps the broken material in the frame and reduces patient access to shards of glass that could be used as weapons and is usually available in 7/16” and 9/16” thicknesses. This type of product has been known to be available for lower cost than polycarbonate glazing for some projects.

- **Heat-Strengthened Glass** – Although more difficult to break than regular float glass, heat-strengthened glass has about half the strength of tempered glass. Heat-strengthened glass may be a good choice if it is laminated and high-impact resistance is not required for the location.

- **Polycarbonate (Lexan)** – Polycarbonate panels are highly impact-resistant and available in a variety of thicknesses from several manufacturers. These products will deflect upon significant impact near the center of large panels that can result in large pieces coming out of their frames. Care should be taken to assure that the depth of the stop securing the panel will be able to hold it when subjected to this and other impacts. This material is also highly susceptible to scratching and is a frequent target of patients who write profanity and draw pictures. Mar-resistant coatings are available, but they do not eliminate this concern. Recent projects have indicated this may be
the more expensive than glass-clad polycarbonate products.

- Security Film – If replacing existing glass is cost-prohibitive, applying a window film security laminate\(^{190}\) to existing glass may be an alternative. Although these films are susceptible to scratching and defacement by patients, they may be removed and replaced at less cost than replacing glass or polycarbonate panels. The manufacturer’s installation instructions should always be carefully followed including any impact-protection adhesives and a perimeter attachment system needed to hold the glass in the frame if broken. In our opinion, claims that these window films will prevent glass from breaking should not be relied upon.

- Tempered Glass – This may be acceptable for use in some patient-accessible areas such as small windows in doors, portions of glass walls separating activity rooms from corridors, and patient toilet room mirrors. Tempered glass is more impact-resistant than float glass or laminated glass but will break into many small pieces and fall out of the frame, which may allow a patient to elope. As well, each piece may have sharp edges. Patients have been known to break tempered glass mirrors and rub the inside of their wrists on the broken surface to cut themselves or swallow the small pieces of glass. This hazard may be reduced by covering the tempered glass with a security film as described below.

- Laminated/Heat Strengthened Glass\(^{200}\) - Two layers of heat-strengthened glass bonded to a Sentry Glass Plus (SGP) interlayer, which helps the glass stay in the frame when broken.

- Wire Glass – Standard wire glass will break and yield sharp shards of glass and is generally not permitted by many current codes and regulations. There are new wire glass\(^{205b}\) products that are rated for both security and fire by their manufacturers that may be considered. Verification with local AHJ is always recommended before purchasing new products.
f. Window Coverings –

i. Mini-Blinds – Mini-blinds mounted behind safety glass are preferred because the blinds are not accessible to patients. Care should be taken to assure that any exposed devices for controlling the tilt of the blinds do not create a potential ligature attachment point. Some commercially available window assemblies have all these features. Exposed mini-blinds are discouraged because they provide access to long cords, wands and slats.

ii. Roller Shades – Roller shades specifically manufactured for use in psychiatric hospitals are another option. These have enclosed security roller boxes, security fasteners, cordless operation, and locking devices that resist tampering by patients may be acceptable for some patient populations. If access to these blinds by patients is deemed not acceptable by the Safety Risk Assessment, electrically operated standard roller blinds may be installed behind security glazing.

iii. Electrically Obscured Glazing is becoming more reasonably priced and is an option for controlling privacy as long as the glazing material meets the requirements of the FGI Guidelines for glazing in patient areas.

iv. Curtains and Curtain Tracks – Curtains and associated tracks of any type (including those designated as “breakaway” and represented by their manufacturers as “safe for psychiatric hospitals”) are NOT recommended for use in any patient-accessible areas, especially patient rooms and patient showers.

2. Finishes

a. Gypsum Board – Abrasion-resistant and impact-resistant gypsum board hung on 20-gauge or heavier metal studs spaced no more than 16 inches on center is typically considered minimum construction for these areas. Sound-deadening gypsum board is available to help reduce noise levels from traditional hard services. Consult manufacturers regarding the characteristics of the material determined most
appropriate for a particular installation. These products are available from several manufacturers.

A painted finish is preferred because it is easy to repair and the cost of renewing or changing colors to keep up with current trends is relatively low. Also, painted finishes help create a residential or home-like ambiance while still meeting institutional requirements.

b. Ceilings – Ceiling heights lower than nine-foot-high are discouraged because it is easy for patients to reach them and tamper with the ceilings and ceiling-mounted devices. Ceiling heights of nine feet and above are not immune from tampering and must be evaluated in the Safety Risk Assessment for each area of each unit.

i. Tamper-resistant ceilings are preferred for all areas of a behavioral health facility. If sound attenuation for gypsum board ceilings is desired, sound absorbing gypsum board\textsuperscript{232} may be used or 1’x1’ acoustic tile can be adhered to the gypsum board.

ii. Where accessibility to mechanical, electrical, and communication equipment is needed, The Joint Commission’s November 2017 Edition of Perspectives (modified by subsequent FAQ’s also published in later editions of Perspectives) currently allows unsecured lay-in ceiling to be used under certain circumstances. As of this writing, the authors are not aware of any manufacturer who produces hold-down-clips that are specifically recommended for use to limit patient access above the ceiling. Systems relying on hold-down clips always result in the last tile being placed not being secured unless some form of locked access panel is provided to allow installation of the clip on the last tile.

iii. There are several tamper-resistant solutions that can reuse the existing ceiling grid system and may be less expensive than typical gypsum board ceiling installation that may be considered:

• Remove existing ceiling tile and install specialty 2’x2’ metal ceiling panels\textsuperscript{239} with tamper-resistant screws in the recessed joints to resist removal. This system will
allow access at any point and is available in sound absorbing models.

- Remove existing ceiling tile and install special clips\textsuperscript{234} that are made to fit over existing grid members that are at least intermediate grade steel system (not aluminum). Then attach 5/8" thick sound absorbing gypsum board ceiling (mud and tape joints – paint) to these clips. Lockable access panels will be required at all necessary locations. It may be necessary to support light fixtures, etc. independently of the existing grid to avoid overloading the carrying capacity of the existing grid.

b. Wall Base — Use of thin, flexible rubber or vinyl baseboards that are applied only with adhesive and are intended to cover the joint between the wall and floor is strongly discouraged. These become prime targets for patient tampering and can be used to conceal contraband.

There are several alternative choices for base material and installation that may offer less risk:

i. i. Seamless epoxy flooring\textsuperscript{250} that has an integral coved base is an option as long as there is no metal or plastic edge strip on the top of the base.

ii. A premolded base\textsuperscript{240} that extends onto the floor plane, finishes flush with the top of the floor tile, and is heat-welded to the flooring may be acceptable in some locations. However, use of this product does not address the issue of hiding contraband unless the top edge is sealed with a pick-resistant sealant.\textsuperscript{20}

iii. A thick rubber base that resembles wood base profiles\textsuperscript{241} is available and provides a more "residential" appearance. All joints to the wall and floor and all vertical joints should be sealed with a pick-resistant sealant.\textsuperscript{20}

iv. In some cases, a wood base with a minimum ¾" thickness that is adhered to the wall, secured with countersunk tamper-resistant fasteners, and sealed with pick-resistant sealant\textsuperscript{20} has been used successfully. If
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desired, this can be given a semi-transparent stain finish to provide more of a residential look.

b. Flooring – Carpet\textsuperscript{255} or sheet vinyl\textsuperscript{245} meeting class A rating should be used. Avoid patterns and color combinations that may appear to “animate”, abrupt contrasting color changes that could appear as objects that need to be stepped over or other visual misperceptions by patients. Anti-microbial sheet carpet (formerly called “broadloom”) with solution-dyed yarn and moisture-resistant backing\textsuperscript{255} is effective in reducing ambient noise and generally works well in these facilities. This is available from most major carpet companies. Sheet vinyl\textsuperscript{245} or other hard surface material is preferred where wet or potentially messy activities will be conducted.

c. Abrasion Resistant Coatings\textsuperscript{280} – Any areas where excessive wear is anticipated, such as corridors and seclusion rooms without wall padding may be coated with paint materials that have more resistance to abrasion and possible abuse.

3. Specialties

a. Signage – Room Signs\textsuperscript{300} –

i. Flexible room signs are available that are applied with adhesive and will not provide a weapon to patients if removed. These can include braille lettering and meet ADA requirements.

ii. Rigid room signs\textsuperscript{300d} that are installed with multiple tamper-resistant screws are more difficult to remove and also can include braille lettering to meet ADA requirements.

b. Corridor Handrails – may not be required in behavioral health units but may be indicated as needed by the Safety Risk Assessment because of needs of the patient population being served having equilibrium issues due to medication side effects or other reasons. If these are provided, there is a choice between leaving the anchors for the rail exposed (which creates ligature attachment point opportunities) and providing a solid filler between the rail and the wall (which helps reduce ligature attachment points and creates a place for trash to collect and can be an infection control cleaning problem). The “correct” answer for any given section of
railing will depend on the facility’s Safety Risk Assessment and the amount of observation of the specific location.

c. **Wall Protection** – Large sheets of durable wall protection material are available in solid color finish or with a wide variety of printed artwork. However, the standard vinyl trim pieces that come with this material are not recommended for use in behavioral health applications. Rather, the edges of the material are suggested to be tightly fitted together and sealed with pick-resistant caulk.

d. **Toilet Accessories** – See Level IVb

e. **Mirrors and Domes:**
   
i. Mirrors - Glass-laminated polycarbonate mirrors in ligature resistant wood frames offer an option with a residential appearance and are scratch resistant. (See also Level IVb-3f for toilet room mirrors)
   
   ii. Observation Dome Mirrors – Convex mirrors installed in corridors, seclusion rooms, and other patient-accessible locations to assist with observation of patients are preferred to be made of a polycarbonate that is a minimum of 1/4" thick, filled with high-density foam, and have a heavy metal frame that fits tightly to the wall and ceiling. Convex mirrors made of polished steel are also available. The perimeter of the mirror is recommended to be sealed with pick-resistant caulking.

f. **Pick-Resistant Caulk** – Pick-resistant caulking is strongly suggested for all joints between objects and surfaces that do not fit tightly and may provide opportunities for patients to hide contraband, attach ligatures or grip items to remove them. It is preferred that this material not set up hard (like epoxy) but remain pliable and be able to move with its substrate over time. Verify compatibility with all adjacent materials before application.

g. **Paper Trash Receptacle Liners** - Coated paper liners are strongly suggested for all trash receptacles to which patients have access including large receptacles in dining and activity spaces. Paper liners with rope handles may present ligature risks. Plastic liners should be prohibited because of the risk of suffocation.
h. Kitchen Equipment Considerations - (Levels II and III only)

4. Furnishings

a. Built-in Cabinets - (securely anchored in place)

i. Cabinet Doors -

• All cabinets that contain items that patients are not to have access at all times they are present in the space are strongly suggested to have lockable doors.

• Cabinets that contain items that patients are allowed to access at all times they are in the space are strongly suggested to not have doors and to have shelves that are securely fixed in position to resist both upward and downward pressure. Adjustable shelves are discouraged because they are easily removable and may be used as weapons.

ii. Cabinet Pulls – These are suggested to be recessed, with no protruding openings, or of a closed ligature-resistant type.

iii. Cabinet Locks – These are very important in all patient-accessible areas. Cabinets used to store items that patients could use to harm themselves or others should be kept locked at all times when patients are present. This can lead to staff constantly looking for the right key on a large key chain. One solution is to provide locks that can be unlocked with a key that staff already carry, such as the key used to activate the fire alarm. Another solution is to use existing key access cards or a pushbutton keypad. These are becoming more affordable and should be particularly helpful in examination/treatment rooms and any locked cabinets in patient rooms.

b. Decorative Crafts - Pictures and Artwork – All pictures and artwork in patient-accessible areas must be given special consideration:

i. Murals – These can brighten and add interest to corridors and day rooms and have been used very effectively in some facilities. It is usually a good idea to cover them with at least two coats of a clear sealer for...
protection, but patients typically enjoy these and defacing them is not usually a problem. Murals are also available on wall vinyl and wall protection materials.

ii. **Wall Protection** – Large sheets of durable wall protection material are available with a wide variety of printed artwork. However, the standard vinyl trim pieces that often come with this material is not recommended for use in behavioral health applications. Rather, the edges of the material could be tightly fitted together and sealed with pick-resistant caulk.

iii. **Frames** – Specially designed frames that slope away from the wall and have polycarbonate glazing are recommended. The frames that are screwed to the walls with a minimum of one tamper-resistant screw per side are preferred to provide a tight fit to walls which may have uneven surfaces. The joint at the top is suggested be sealed with a pick-resistant sealant. Some of these frames allow for easy replacement of the images and provide the opportunity for patients to customize the displays with personal photos, etc.

iv. **Printed Flexible Vinyl** – Another option is to print artwork on flexible vinyl that can be attached to walls with low-tack adhesive or regular wall vinyl adhesive for more permanent installations. This method reduces the risk of patients obtaining harmful materials. The low-tack adhesive used on smaller images makes it easier to change the art displayed on a seasonal or other basis and allows hospitals to offer patients a choice of artwork to display in their rooms, giving them some control over their environment.

c. **Seating** - Furniture used in behavioral health facilities is preferred to be easily cleaned, easily reupholstered, very sturdy, and as heavy as possible to minimize the likelihood of patients throwing chairs, tables, etc. Where indicated by the Safety Risk Assessment, furniture is suggested to be securely anchored in place or weighted to resist stacking or barricading of doors. Closed arms and legs are preferred to resist attachment of ligatures and breaking into items that could be used as weapons. Upholstered lounge chairs with arms that resemble typical residential furniture are generally preferred, but polyethylene rotationally molded and sand-ballasted seating is now available with a less institutional look. The health care organization should select

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furniture appropriate for the patient population served and the location on the unit for which it is intended.

Where movable seating is needed (e.g., dining and activity rooms), very lightweight polypropylene chairs that resist breaking into sharp pieces are preferred. An alternative is a chair that can be partially filled with sand (or otherwise have weight added) to make it difficult to throw or use as a weapon.

Comfort Rooms and other lounge areas may have specialty or chaise lounges or bean bag type seating that are manufactured without zippers and with very durable materials and seams.

Rocking motion has long been believed to be soothing and several companies now offer specially designed seating that allow a rocking motion. Care should be taken to realize that it is not uncommon for unauthorized movement of furniture from a low-level risk area to a higher risk area of a unit to occur. This may result in unintended risks being created.

All upholstery and foam used in furniture should have flame-spread ratings that comply with the requirements of Section 10.3 of NFPA 101: Life Safety Code®.

d. Furniture:

i. Tables for dining and activities are available with enclosed legs and provide less opportunities for ligature attachment. These are usually either center pedestal or “X” base style. Both can be weighted down with sand to reduce the chance that they can be picked up and thrown but can still be movable. A range of styles and shapes of tops are available for both types.
ii. End tables and coffee tables are available in enclosed cubes or drums⁴⁸⁵c and other configurations that are also ligature resistant and can be weighted.

iii. Shelving units for items to which patients will have free access are suggested to be sturdy, have open shelves that are fixed in place (not adjustable) and securely anchored in place including the top of taller units to resist them being tipped over.

### 5. Fire Suppression

**a. Fire Sprinkler Heads** - Institutional heads⁵²⁰ that are ligature-resistant are preferred.

**b. Fire Extinguisher Cabinets** - All fire alarm pull stations and all fire extinguisher cabinets⁵²¹ are suggested to be locked (with approval of all applicable code authorities). All staff on duty must carry keys for these at all times. These keys should be provided with a red plastic ring or other means of providing quick identification. In addition, fire extinguisher cabinets are preferred to have continuous hinges, recessed pulls (if any), and polycarbonate glazing if view windows are provided.

### 6. Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings

**a. Toilet Fixtures** – Patient accessible toilets are always considered Level IV and V areas and are addressed in those sections.

**b. Sinks** –

i. Standard stainless-steel sinks may be permitted if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment and are suggested to be designed into recesses with doors or roll-down shutters that can be locked when staff are not present.

ii. Bathroom sinks are addressed in Level IV and V sections.

iii. Hand-washing sinks for staff that are in patient accessible areas are suggested to be specially designed units. See subparagraph "h" below.

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c. Showers - Patient accessible showers are only permitted in Level IV and V areas and are addressed in those sections.

d. Faucets – Patient use faucets are primarily inpatient bathrooms and are addressed in Levels IV and V. Faucets in activity and similar rooms are addressed in Levels II and III.

e. Flush Valves - Patient accessible flush valves are permitted only in Level IV and V areas and are addressed in those sections.

f. Water Stations – Ligature-Resistant Drinking Water Stations – Drinking fountains are often required or desired in common spaces on units. Typical drinking fountains can be problematic for ligature and infection control reasons but requiring patients to ask staff every time they want a drink of water can rank high on patient dissatisfaction surveys. To address this issue, consider use of water cup-filling stations in patient-accessible areas. Several options are available for cup-filling stations that have either local or remote refrigeration units, in both wall-mounted and counter-top styles.

g. Medical Gases – These are not normally required for behavioral health units. If there is medical necessity or the outlets are a preexisting condition in remodeling projects, they should be covered with lockable panels or panels attached with tamper-resistant screws. These should be removed only to address the medical needs of the current patient and replaced when that patient is discharged or moved. Special care must be taken in areas where other patients may be present to assure that access to the medical gases does not present a safety risk to them also. Some manufacturers offer lockable covers for outlets.

h. Staff Hand-washing Stations - Staff Hand-washing stations for patient accessible areas are now available that provide less risk than standard fixtures. These are recessed and have integral soap dispensers and air dryers to eliminate the need for separate dispensers which may also provide risks. All hand-washing sinks that are accessible to patients need to be ligature-resistant.
7. HVAC

a. **Diffusers, Registers and Grilles** - Grilles with small perforations or with “S” shaped vanes that comply with the National Institute of Corrections standards and are secured in place with tamper-resistant fasteners are generally acceptable in patient accessible areas if allowed by the Safety Risk Assessment.

b. **Where existing fan/coil units** (as well as fin-tube heaters or old-style radiators) are present in patient accessible spaces, they are strongly suggested to be protected with vandal-resistant covers.

c. **Thermostats** – Existing pneumatic or electric thermostats may be acceptable for use in patient accessible areas if allowed by the Safety Risk Assessment. If they are found to be problematic, there are covers available to reduce the risk of patients tampering with them and gaining access to small parts which they could use to harm themselves or others. However, sometimes these covers draw more attention to the thermostats and encourage tampering. If these become an issue or are an identified risk in the Safety Risk Assessment, consideration could be given to relocating the thermostats to return air ducts or use of aspirating or thermistor units that are mounted behind a stainless-steel cover that is flush with the wall.

8. Electrical

a. **Electrical Devices:**

i. **Receptacles** - In new construction or major remodeling, the *FGI Guidelines* require a dedicated circuit for all electrical outlets in each patient room and bath. This will allow power to the outlets in a specific room to be turned off if necessary for a patient’s safety. Control of each circuit should be located where only staff have access. Where this is not practical in an existing facility, the outlet may be temporarily covered.

ii. The *FGI Guidelines* also state that all electrical outlets in patient rooms and patient toilet rooms be a hospital-grade, tamper-resistant type. Use of GFCI receptacles

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is also preferred to reduce the risk of patients being able to harm themselves by tampering with the receptacles. Arc-fault devices are available and may be provided if required by the Safety Risk Assessment for the patient population being served.

iii. Cover Plates - All electrical device cover plates (for switches, receptacles, blank cover plates, etc.) must be attached with tamper-resistant screws. Cover plates made of polycarbonate materials are preferred; polycarbonate cover plates must have screws in each corner to make them rigid enough to resist bending and protect patients from access to electrical wiring and contacts. Nylon cover plates and ones marketed as “unbreakable” are typically not sturdy enough to resist tampering by patients. Standard stainless-steel cover plates that fit tightly to the wall and are rigid may be acceptable for many patient populations if allowed by the Safety Risk Assessment. These may be secured with a single tamper-resistant screw in the center as long as it is securely tightened. The tightness of these screws and fit to the wall is suggested to be included in regular safety rounds documentation.

b. Light Fixtures:

i. All fixtures that can be reached by patients are suggested to be a tamper-resistant type and have minimum \( \frac{1}{4} \)-thick polycarbonate (clear or prismatic) lenses securely fixed in the frame with covers that are firmly secured with tamper-resistant screws and fit tightly to the ceiling surface. Many such fixtures are now available with LED light sources.

ii. Advances in LED technology have resulted in new options for light fixture designs that can help reduce the institutional character of these spaces. The authors strongly encourage the use of these options and discourage the use of 2'x2' and 2'x4' light fixtures in all patient accessible locations. Our preference is for using linear, round or oval vandal-resistant fixtures for general illumination and recessed security downlights with polycarbonate lenses or small individual reading lights.
iii. The availability of tunable lighting (ability to adjust the color temperature of the light source) is encouraged as is the use of circadian lighting systems.

iv. Glass components that could be accessed by patients are discouraged for use in any fixture. Use of table lamps or desk lamps are also strongly discouraged. Neither incandescent light bulbs nor fluorescent tubes should ever be accessible to patients.

c. Exit Signs - Lighted Exit Signs or Photo-luminescent Signs – These are suggested to be vandal-resistant and installed tight to the ceiling with a full-length mounting bracket to avoid use as a hanging device. Mounting these signs on a wall so they are perpendicular to the wall is not recommended because it leaves the top exposed as a possible attachment point.

9. Communications

a. Telephone Sets - Telephones located in corridors or common spaces for patient use should have a stainless-steel case, be securely mounted to the wall, and have a non-removable shielded cord of minimal length (as approved by the Safety Risk Assessment) with cable tether inside the shield. They may be equipped with or without touch pads for placing outbound calls. Some organizations have a switch installed in a staff area to deactivate patient use phones at times when patients are not allowed to make calls.

Some facilities are now providing cordless phones for patient use.

b. Duress Alarms – as many Patient to staff injuries are a significant concern in many facilities. One way to address this (other than designing the unit to eliminate locations where staff may become isolated with a patient and become trapped) is to provide some type of personal duress alarm system that staff members can wear and activate when needed. It is preferred that these systems provide information on the location of the staff member when the alert is sent. Some of these can interface with other systems that may already be present in the facility and even use existing wi-fi systems for connectivity.
10. Electronic Safety

a. **Metal Detectors** - Some organizations have expressed the desire to use metal detectors to assist with screening patients and/or visitors to their behavioral health facilities. Some choose to use hand-held detectors and others use standard walk-through detectors. Organizations considering metal detection solutions may want to investigate ferrous metal detection systems that sense the presence of ferrous metal in objects such as razor blades, syringes, lighters, cell phones, knives and guns. These systems will not detect drugs or other nonferrous metal contraband items.

11. Exterior Improvements - Outdoor Areas

a. **Enclosed courtyards**, fenced areas adjacent to a treatment unit, or an open campus) are considered to have great therapeutic benefit. Because levels of staff supervision for patients using outdoor areas may vary widely between facilities, or even between different groups using the same space at different times, the need for supervision should be carefully reviewed by management early in a design and construction project. The final design for outdoor areas must respond to the acuity and assessment of the most acute patients using the area and the planned staffing levels for each patient population.

b. **Fencing** - Climbable fences can permit, if not encourage, unauthorized access to windows and roofs or elopement over walls. Buildings, walls, or fences may be used to establish clear boundaries and impede elopement to a degree appropriate to the patient population being served. Some behavioral health organizations are comfortable with a perimeter enclosure that is not particularly difficult to climb and simply make elopements a treatment issue if the patients return. Other organizations have a very high need to reduce elopements to the extent possible. Where this is the case, designers may tend to create enclosures that have a very prison-like appearance. If views to the distance are not required, one approach is to treat the outdoor areas as meditation gardens with solid masonry walls that have a smooth interior surface and are 12 to 14 feet high.

   i. One facility installed large diameter (22”-24”) plastic pipe on top of the wall to make it difficult for patients to get a
grip on the top surface. This pipe can be painted to match the color scheme of the building and provides a much less institutional appearance than concertina wire. If views to the distance are desired, “windows” glazed with polycarbonate\textsuperscript{201} or security glass\textsuperscript{200} may be provided in these walls. These view panels should not have sills or cross bars that could provide toeholds for climbing.

ii. Another option is installation of a fine mesh chain-link fence fabric.\textsuperscript{675} This fabric, which comes in a range of sizes down to as small as 3/8” openings, makes the fence more difficult to climb and has openings that are too small for most bolt cutters. When installing such material, fence posts and rails must be strong enough to support the fabric and the wind loading it will add. In at least one instance, a patient successfully climbed a mini-mesh fence, so it is suggested a section at the top be angled inward to further increase the difficulty of climbing at the cost of increasing institutional appearance.

iii. Maximum security fencing,\textsuperscript{575b} which has a very prison-like appearance, may be selected for some facilities with involuntarily admitted patients. However, it is suggested that the use of less institutional-looking solutions be explored before deciding to use this type of material.

iv. Where portions of the building walls will enclose exterior courtyards for patient use, these walls should not be easily climbable, especially if they are only one story high. Windowsills, rain gutters, and similar features may support efforts to climb walls to gain access to the roof. The exterior surface of all windows patients can access from exterior courtyards must have security glazing,\textsuperscript{200} polycarbonate glazing,\textsuperscript{201} or security window film,\textsuperscript{190} as described under Level II-D.

c. Outdoor Furniture - In all cases, careful consideration should be given to exterior furniture used by patients. All outdoor furniture\textsuperscript{510} is suggested to be firmly anchored in place. This will resist the furniture from being moved to create barricades or stacked to allow climbing over fences,
into windows, or onto buildings. Many types of commercially available furniture can be anchored or are made of concrete or other heavy materials.

d. **Plant Materials** - Shrubbery should be non-toxic and low-growing. Avoid planting shrubbery close together as it can create visual barriers that patients or unauthorized visitors may hide behind. Landscape mulch or decorative rocks that can be thrown to injure staff or other patients should not be used. Trees should be located away from buildings, walls and fences to reduce ease of access to roofs or getting over fences.

e. **Area Drains and Manhole Covers** - All manhole covers, access panels, and area drain grates should be anchored firmly in place to discourage easy removal and use as weapons and to make it difficult for patients to enter the underground piping.

f. **Public Areas** - All areas surrounding patient use buildings, areas where staff will walk or escort patients at night, and courtyards should be well-lighted. Exterior lights should not shine directly into patient room windows. Parking areas for staff and visitors should be well-lighted and reviewed regularly for design features that encourage personal and property security. While security is generally beyond the intended scope of this document, closed-circuit television monitoring and video surveillance recording of these semi-public areas, where there is no expectation of privacy, should be considered.

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**B. Level I**

**Areas where patients are not allowed:**

All items do NOT need to comply with Baseline conditions but are suggested to meet the following:

1. Comply with all applicable codes and regulations.

2. All service areas should be locked at all times to reduce the possibility of patients entering these spaces.

3. Hardware on doors that connect to a higher Level of Risk (accessible to patients) shall have hardware suitable for the higher level of risk.
C. Level II

Areas behind self-closing and self-locking doors where patients are highly supervised and NEVER left alone which could be counseling rooms, activity rooms, interview rooms, group rooms as well as corridors that do not contain objects that patients can use for climbing and where staff are regularly present:

West Springs Hospital - Art Room

West Springs Hospital - Corridor

Architect of Record - Davis Partnership, Denver, CO: Photographer - Paul Brokering Photography
All items same as Baseline with the following exceptions:

Our understanding of The Joint Commission’s recommendations at the time of this publication is that the conditions identified in the “Baseline Considerations for Patient Accessible Areas” above may be revised as stated below in Level II areas. It is strongly suggested that these revisions only be made after careful consideration and if these variations are consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment. The Safety Risk Assessment should identify all standard items that typically are not allowed on inpatient behavioral health units that are present in rooms that are defined as Level II in this document.

a. Doors - Barricading considerations discussed in Baseline section above are highly recommended for doors to all rooms that patients will enter.

b. Door Hardware:

i. All unattended counseling rooms, interview rooms and other rooms patients may enter only when staff are present are suggested to have self-closing and self-locking doors.

ii. These rooms are suggested to have “classroom” function locksets that require a key to lock or unlock the outer handle, but the inside handle is always free.

This feature will resist patients being able to lock or unlock doors. The alternative could be to provide “storeroom” function locksets with which the doors will always be locked from the outside when closed and latched. The inside lever will always be free.

iii. Closers are needed for Level II rooms which TJC requires to have self-closing and self-locking doors and that staff must ALWAYS be present when patients are in the room. They may be required for other doors by building and life safety codes or because the staff want to assure that a particular door is not accidentally left open for operational reasons. Where provided, concealed closers\(^{100a}\) that have the closer and the track both completely contained in the head of the door and frame offer the least amount of ligature attachment opportunity (the arm is only exposed when the door is open). However, these require...
special preparation of the door and frame and are difficult and expensive to provide in existing conditions. Where concealed closers are not practical, it is suggested that surface mounted track closers be provided and located on the side of the door that either patients are not allowed (Level I spaces) or where the closers are most observable by staff.

2. Finishes

a. Ceilings – Our understanding of current TJC recommendations is that accessible lay-in type ceilings are acceptable in Level II spaces if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment.

b. Wall Base – Standard surface applied thin vinyl or rubber base may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment.

3. Specialties

a. Kitchen Equipment: (Same as Level III except may not need to be lockable if acceptable under the Safety Risk Assessment.)

4. Furnishings

The use of furniture that is lighter weight, easily movable and that has obvious opportunities for ligature attachment in Level II rooms may be acceptable to TJC and can be considered for use if it complies with the findings of the Safety Risk Assessment performed by the organization.

The health care organization should select furniture appropriate for the patient population served and the location on the unit for which it is intended. Care should be taken to realize that it is not uncommon for unauthorized movement of furniture from a low-level risk area to a higher risk area of a unit to occur. This may result in unintended risks being created.

a. Seating - Open arms and legs on un-weighted furniture that is not securely fixed in position may be acceptable if consistent with the Safety Risk Assessment. High-quality wood, steel or plastic chairs for use at tables may be more standard products. Upholstered lounge chairs that resemble typical residential furniture are generally preferred.
b. Tables may be more typical style, have individual legs at the corners and be easily movable to accommodate a range of uses and activities.

c. Bookcases and Cabinets - Sand as Baseline except as may be allowed by SRA for areas behind self-closing and self-locking doors as discussed above.

6. Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings

a. Toilet Fixtures - Level IV and V areas only

b. Sinks – Standard stainless-steel sinks may be permitted if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment, but caution is recommended.

c. Showers - Level IV and V areas only

d. Faucets - Standard goose-neck faucets and standard valve handles may be permitted in activity and similar areas that are consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment, but caution is recommended.

e. Flush Valves - Level IV and V areas only

f. Medical Gases - Not typically present in Level II areas

7. HVAC:

a. Diffusers, Registers and Grilles – Standard products may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment. Products consistent with Level III suggestions are recommended.

b. Thermostats – Standard products may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment. Products consistent with Level III suggestions are recommended.

8. Electrical

a. Electrical Devices: Standard products of this type may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment.

b. Light Fixtures –
i. Standard products may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment. Products consistent with Level III suggestions are recommended.

ii. Covers\textsuperscript{630} are available for existing (or new) downlights that are secure and make the appearance more residential in nature.

iii. No glass components should be exposed to patients in any fixture and use of table lamps and desk lamps is strongly discouraged.

c. Exit Signs - Standard products may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment. Products consistent with Level III suggestions are recommended.

d. Security Lighting - Standard products may be acceptable if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment. Products consistent with Level III suggestions are recommended.
D. Level III

Areas that are not behind self-closing and self-locking doors where patients may spend time with minimal supervision such as open lounges, day-rooms and corridors where staff are not regularly present. Open nurse stations are suggested to be considered under this Level because there may be incidents where staff will not always be present in these spaces:

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Architect of Record - Davis Partnership, Denver, CO: Photographer - Paul Brokering Photography

Architect of Record: Bernstein & Associates, Architects, New York, NY - Photographer: Paul Warchol

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All items shall be the same as Baseline with the following exceptions:

3. Specialties

a. Kitchen Equipment: (Typically Levels II and III only) -

All cooking appliances (ranges, microwaves, coffee makers, etc.) should have key-operated lockout switches\textsuperscript{611} to disable the appliance. If these and other appliances, such as refrigerators, have open handles that could be used as ligature attachment points, and they are in areas where patients have unsupervised access to them, provisions should be made to close them off with overhead coiling doors or other means.

i. Patient access to coffee should be carefully considered in each facility’s risk management program. If access to this (and other potentially scalding liquids) is allowed, an insulated plastic dispenser should be located so it is readily observable by staff. Glass coffee pots should never be available to patients.

ii. All garbage disposal units should have a key-operated lockout switch\textsuperscript{611} to disable the device.

iii. All receptacles located near sources of water, including sinks, as well as all patient-accessible receptacles must be GFCI-protected as required by applicable codes.

b. Television Set Enclosures (Typically Levels II and III only) -

Television sets should not be mounted on walls using exposed brackets because of the ligature risk this presents. Rather, all TV sets should be installed in built-in TV or media centers or manufactured tamper-resistant covers with sloped tops.\textsuperscript{290} Some facilities prefer to also have an isolation switch that staff can control. For maximum safety, the electrical outlet and cable TV outlet should be located inside the cover to keep the wires and cables away from patients.
4. Furnishings

The health care organization should select furniture appropriate for the patient population served and the location on the unit for which it is intended. Care should be taken to realize that it is not uncommon for unauthorized movement of furniture from a low-level risk area to a higher risk area of a unit to occur. This may result in unintended risks being created.

a. **Seating** - Closed arms and legs on furniture that is weighted or is securely fixed in position may be preferred when consistent with the Safety Risk Assessment. High quality plastic chairs for use at tables may be acceptable. Lounge chairs with upholstery that resemble typical residential furniture and meet the criteria above are generally preferred.

b. **Tables** are suggested to not have individual legs at the corners and be weighted or anchored in place to resist being thrown or stacked.

c. **Bookcases and Cabinets** - Same as Baseline.

a. **Toilet Fixtures** - Not permitted in Level III areas

b. **Sinks** – Standard stainless-steel sinks may be permitted if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment, but caution is recommended.

c. **Showers** - Level IV and V only

d. **Faucets** - Standard gooseneck faucets and standard valve handles may be permitted if that is consistent with the organization’s Safety Risk Assessment, but caution is recommended. In Level III areas consideration is suggested to locating these sinks behind lockable doors or roll-down shutters that are closed and secured when staff are not present.

e. **Flush Valves** - Level IV and V only

f. **Medical Gases** - Level IV and V only

g. **Diffusers, Registers and Grilles** - Standard grilles are not recommended in Level III areas. Grilles with “S” shaped vanes are preferred.

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E. Level IV

Areas where patients spend a great deal of time alone with minimal or no supervision:

Level IV-a. Patient Rooms

All items shall be the same as Baseline with the following exceptions:

1. Openings

   a. Doors:

      i. Patient Room doors continue to be one of the most frequently used items in suicide attempts in these facilities. This is verified in TJC’s “Incidence and Method of Suicide” study dated July 2018.

      Barricade resistant strategies discussed in the Baseline section are strongly suggested to be used in these locations.
ii. These doors also frequently receive abuse and use of the more durable synthetic faced doors\textsuperscript{25} in these locations will help retain their appearance.

b. Door Hardware:

i. The handles on locksets are especially important on these doors. Careful consideration of the risks involved in compliance with the Safety Risk Assessment is strongly suggested.

ii. Hinges need to be carefully coordinated with the barricade resistant solution selected and over-door-alarm system, if provided. These need to be thought of as an assembly, not separate parts that can be put together in any combination.

iii. Over-the-door alarms\textsuperscript{150} are strongly suggested for patient room to corridor doors. Since the building and life safety codes require these doors to be tight-fitting for smoke and other reasons, the top of these doors is one of the attachment points most frequently used in suicide attempts. The bottom of doors can also present a risk if the gator roll technique is attempted. One product will detect this also.

iv. Some facilities have begun to address the desire of some patients to lock themselves in their rooms to avoid unwanted entrance by other patients. The challenges with this are to provide individual security for the patient without restricting staff access to the room. Options include locksets with specialized locking functions and ligature-resistant turnpieces\textsuperscript{140} that cannot be held from inside the door to resist a key being turned to unlock the door. A cylinder protector\textsuperscript{141} to cover the lock cylinder on the corridor side of the door resists attempts to insert objects in the key-way. Card access technology is also available to control these locks.

c. Windows: -- Advances in different types of safety glass make it worthwhile to consult an expert for advice for a specific project. The height above the ground, patient population, and many other factors should be taken into account in choosing these materials. Comply with the FGI...
Guidelines and all applicable codes and regulations for glazing, frame installation and operable sash.

If replacing windows presents a prohibitive cost in remodeling work, a security screen with a very sturdy steel frame\(^80\) designed to resist deflection and equipped with multiple key locks and a heavy-gauge stainless steel screen fabric\(^81\) may be used. These are functional and secure but create an “institutional” appearance and can be defaced by writing obscene words with toothpaste (or other material). Patients have also been known to use the rough surface of the screen fabric to abrade their skin.

i. Exterior Windows - Mini-blinds\(^430\) or roller blinds\(^440\) behind safety glazing is strongly suggested for these rooms. Ligature resistant control of the blinds can either be by staff only or by both patients and staff as indicated by the Safety Risk Assessment.

ii. Interior Windows – The provision of view windows between patient rooms and corridors is usually discouraged for patient privacy reasons. The use of windows (either in doors or walls) as a method of performing routine patient checks at night is discouraged because it is often very difficult to observe the patient sufficiently. If these windows are provided, it is strongly suggested that they have either mini-blinds\(^220\) between Security glass or glass that can be made opaque electrically.\(^221\) Either type of control is preferred to be by staff only to restrict patients’ ability to peek in on other patients.

iii. Operable Windows – These are not usually required in patient rooms but may be provided if desired by using products that reduce the risk of elopement and passing of contraband\(^434\) (if on the ground floor).

d. Glazing – Security glazing\(^200\) is strongly suggested for these rooms.

e. Window Coverings – See Baseline
2. Finishes

a. **Walls** – Impact and/or abrasion-resistant gypsum board\(^{230}\) installed on minimum 20-gauge metal studs spaced no more than 16 inches on center; paint finish preferred. Sound-attenuating gypsum board\(^{232}\) may also be used on walls if approved by the manufacturer for use in behavioral health applications.

b. **Ceilings** – *The FGI Guidelines* currently require “monolithic” ceilings in all patient bedrooms, Bathrooms, bathing facilities and seclusion rooms. Their definition of this term virtually requires the use of solid gypsum board\(^{230, 232}\) ceilings. These are suggested to have key-lockable access panels\(^{30}\) that fit tightly to their frames. Larger sizes of these panels, may require tamper-resistant screws in the corners or along the sides of the panels. Pick-resistant caulk may be needed if the flanges of these panels do not fit tightly to the ceiling or wall surface.

Other tamper-resistant systems\(^{239}\) discussed in Baseline section do not appear to meet this definition.

c. **Wall Base** - See Baseline

d. **Flooring** – See Baseline: If some patients are prone to urinate on the floor, provide some rooms with seamless epoxy\(^{250}\) or sheet vinyl flooring with an integral cove base. Metal or plastic strips should not be applied at the top edge of the base. Use of a system that eliminates the need for trim strips\(^{250c}\) is recommended.

e. **Special Wall Surfacing** – Wall protection panels\(^{320}\) are sometimes used in these areas, but the use of plastic or metal trim strips are strongly discouraged.

3. Specialties

a. **Cubicle Curtains and Tracks** – These are not recommended for use in behavioral health facilities because of the risk they present. If non-ambulatory patients with co-existing medical conditions are being treated on these units, it is recommended they be assigned to single-patient rooms.
4. Furnishings

a. Seating:
   
i. Desk chairs are preferred to be lightweight or ballasted as discussed in Baseline Considerations.
   
ii. Stools that are specially designed for use in behavioral health units are also available.

b. Furniture:
   
i. **Sturdy wood, thermoplastic, or composite furniture should be bolted to the floor or walls whenever possible.** Care must be taken to assure the furniture will withstand abuse, will not provide opportunities for hiding contraband, does not have joints that will allow penetration of liquids such as urine, and will resist being disassembled to provide patients with weapons.

   Open-front units with fixed shelves and no doors or drawers are recommended. Doors should not be provided because they can be used by patients as ligature attachment points. Drawers should not be provided because they can be removed by patients and broken to use as weapons. All upholstery and foam used in furniture and mattresses should have flame-spread ratings that comply with the requirements of NFPA 101: *Life Safety Code*, Section 10.3.

ii. **Beds**

   • **Non-Adjustable Platform Beds** – Beds without wire springs or storage drawers are preferred. These beds should be securely anchored in place to prevent patients from using them to barricade the door. If a portable lifting device will be used, beds are available with an opening underneath to accommodate the legs of the lift. Portable lifts can also be accommodated by placing an existing platform bed on a specially designed riser; this arrangement also reduces the amount of bending over staff need to do to work with the patient.
• **Mattresses for Platform Beds** – These should be specifically designed for use in behavioral health facilities and be resistant to abuse and contamination.

• **Bedding** - If bedding other than standard sheets are indicated by the Safety Risk Assessment for some patients, one piece durable products are available,

• **Electric Hospital Beds** – If electrically operable beds are needed for patients with co-existing medical issues or to reduce risk of staff injuries, beds that are specifically marketed for use on behavioral health units should be used rather than standard electrically adjustable hospital beds. These specialty beds will sense obstructions and reverse direction and have lockout features for the controls, reduced-length cords, and other tamper-resistant features. However, they do have significant ligature attachment point risks with the guard rails, headboard, foot board and allow access to many hazards beneath the bed.

• If existing electrically operable beds must be used for financial reasons, use only beds that require a constant pressure on a switch located on the bed rail (not a remote-control device or paddle that can be placed on the floor). Also, provide a key lockout switch on the beds (or a removable pigtail) so only staff can operate the beds. All electrical cords should be secured and shortened. These beds also have significant ligature attachment risks as mentioned above.

• As for other wheeled beds, the wheels of electric hospital-type beds should be removed or rendered inoperable. It is further suggested that corridor doors to rooms with electrically operable beds be locked at all time the patient is not in the room to reduce the risk of other patients entering the room and harming themselves.

iii. **Wardrobes** – Wardrobe units should not have doors and should have fixed (non-adjustable) shelves. They should be securely anchored in place and have sloped tops. Wardrobes with clothes poles requiring hangers are discouraged because, although the bar can
be made safe, the hangers present serious hazards. The **FGI Guidelines** no longer call for patient rooms to have accommodations for “hanging full-length clothing.” The average length of stay in many facilities is now in the 7-to-10-day range, and patients seldom come with clothing that needs to be hung up. The use of clothes hangers is not recommended.

**iv. Cabinets (Built-in) –** if provided, these are strongly suggested to have no doors or drawers and any shelves be securely anchored in place to resist both upward and downward force.

- One exception to not having cabinet doors may be cabinets to hold CPAP machines\(^\text{496c}\) in some patient rooms if allowable by the facility’s Safety Risk Assessment. These have a slot to allow the tubing to exit the cabinet. Care is suggested in locating these and consideration of other patients who may have access to the tubing. It is suggested that if these are provided they be equipped with concealed hinges, key operated locks, ligature resistant pulls and be designed so the doors resist ligature attachment when closed and locked.

### 6. Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings

**a. Toilet Fixtures -** Levels IVb and Vb only

**b. Sinks –** Hand washing sinks are not required in Psychiatric Hospital patient rooms by the FGI Guidelines but toilet rooms are required to have sinks by the FGI Guidelines and are covered in Level IVb.

**c. Showers -** Levels IVb and V only

**d. Faucets -** Levels IVb and V only

**e. Flush Valves -** Levels IVb and V only

**f. Water Stations –** Levels II and III only

**g. Medical Gases –** These are not normally required for behavioral health units. If there is medical necessity or the outlets are a preexisting condition in remodeling projects, they are suggested to be covered with lockable panels\(^\text{590c}\) as listed in Baseline above or panels attached with tamper-resistant screws. These covers should be removed or

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opened only to address the medical needs of the current patient and replaced when that patient is discharged or moved. Special care must be taken in semi-private rooms to assure that access to the medical gases does not present a safety risk to the other patient. Some manufacturers offer lockable covers for outlets. Cabinets that are large enough to enclose the devices attached to the outlets are preferred.

7. HVAC

a. Diffusers, Registers and Grilles:

i. Fully recessed vandal-resistant grilles with S-shaped air passageways are recommended for all ceiling and wall-mounted grilles. Perforated air grilles are not suggested for Level IV areas.

ii. In new construction or major remodeling projects, locate individual room HVAC equipment (such as fan/coil units) in an adjacent corridor or another location (e.g., an interstitial space) where they can be serviced without entering the patient room.

iii. If individual fan/coil-type units exist and must remain, they should be protected with vandal-resistant covers the same as for corridors in all other Levels.

b. Thermostats – See Baseline and as called for in the Safety Risk Assessment.

8. Electrical

a. Electrical Devices:

i. In new construction or major remodeling, the FGI Guidelines require a dedicated circuit be provided for all electrical outlets in each patient room and bath. This will allow power to the outlets in a specific room to be turned off if necessary for a patient’s safety. Control of each circuit should be located where only staff have access. Where this is not practical in an existing facility, a tamper-resistant temporary cover may be installed when necessary.

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ii. All electrical switch and outlet cover plates should be as discussed in Section A - Baseline Conditions.

b. Light Fixtures –

i. The standard general hospital practice of providing a 2’x4’ light fixture directly over patient beds is seldom needed in behavioral health facilities because medical treatment is not provided in the patient beds and looking up into one is not very pleasant.

The traditional placement of one of these directly over the bed is a carryover from general hospital design that is seldom needed in behavioral health facilities.

ii. The current preference is for using either wall or ceiling mounted narrow strip LED fixtures. An alternative can be round or oval vandal-resistant fixtures for general illumination. Many of these fixtures are now available with LED light sources and some are tunable to allow patients or staff to change the color or the light.

iii. Any downlights are suggested to have polycarbonate lenses.

iv. Small individual reading lights can be provided to give reading light near beds or adjacent to built-in bench seating areas or allow patients to turn on a small light to assist when getting up in the middle of the night.

v. Night Lights – are required by the FGI Guidelines in patient rooms and these are to be controlled from a location near the door to the room.

9. Communications

a. Telephone Sets are not typically provided in behavioral health patient rooms.

b. Nurse Calls are not required in behavioral health patient rooms by the FGI Guidelines; but, if they are provided, they are required to meet their standards and are suggested to have flush mounted push button activation.

If cords are provided, it is recommended they be no longer than 6” and as lightweight as possible.
Level IV-b. En-suite Patient Toilet Rooms:

All items shall be the same as Baseline with the following exceptions:

1. Openings

a. Doors & Hardware - The first question to address for patient toilet room doors is whether the facility ever has the need/desire to lock patients out of their bathrooms.

i. If there is a need to lock patients out of the bathroom:

- A full-size, tight fitting, out-swinging door mounted on a double-acting continuous hinge\textsuperscript{113c} with cap and over-door alarm\textsuperscript{150} is preferred. Also, a classroom function deadbolt that extends the bolt into the head of the door frame (with a ligature-resistant turn piece on the inside that will retract the bolt but not extend it\textsuperscript{143b}), two flush pulls\textsuperscript{121} mounted back to back (larger pulls\textsuperscript{121d} available for ADA accessible rooms), and a roller,\textsuperscript{147} ball\textsuperscript{146} or magnetic\textsuperscript{148} latch at the head should be installed along with a rubber fin with top fixing bracket\textsuperscript{473e} mounted on the strike side of the frame.
• A sliding door\textsuperscript{40g} that is ligature resistant can eliminate issues with swinging door conflicts or floor space issues as long as there is wall surface for it to slide over in the open position. Ligature resistant pulls and locking hardware are available for this configuration. A frame assembly is now available for this system to assist with installation on existing openings.

ii. If it is not necessary to lock patients out of their bathrooms, one of the following options may be provided:

• Non-lockable doors eliminate many of the hanging hazards associated with a typical door. Some attach with magnets\textsuperscript{470a} and may be easily removed by staff for use as a shield against an attacking patient.

• Door assemblies with sloped tops\textsuperscript{473c}, continuous hinges and rubber fins at the strike jamb and ligature resistant pulls are another option.

• No Door - Some facilities with single-patient rooms are electing to remove doors entirely from patient toilet rooms. The practicality of this depends on not having a clear sight line into the toilet room from the corridor door. This has proven to be unpopular with patients in some facilities due to the lack of privacy.

iii. Shower Openings - Doors – No shower curtains or their tracks of any type (including those designated as “breakaway” and represented by their manufacturers as “safe for psychiatric hospitals”) are recommended for use in any patient-accessible areas, especially patient showers. In new construction, showers could be designed to contain the spray within the compartment without the use of a curtain or door. The use of foam doors\textsuperscript{473b} or hard plastic doors\textsuperscript{473c} mounted with a minimal gap between the bottom of the door and the floor may be used to reduce the amount of water that leaves the shower compartment.

The use of residential glass shower doors is specifically discouraged.
2. Finishes

**a. Walls** – Use one of the following depending on the acuity of the patient population and the project budget:

i. Synthetic wall protection panels\(^{331}\) (without trim pieces) or solid-surface sheet material

ii. Ceramic or porcelain tile in large pieces

iii. Gypsum board that is impact-resistant and has mold and moisture-resistant facing\(^{230}\) with epoxy paint; solid-surface sheets in showers

**b. Ceiling** – Gypsum board with mold- and moisture-resistant facing\(^{230}\) with epoxy paint is recommended.

**c. Wall Base** – See Baseline

**d. Flooring** – One of the following may be used depending on the acuity of the patient population and the Safety Risk Assessment:

i. Seamless Epoxy Flooring\(^{250}\) – This flooring should have a slip-resistant finish and integral cove base and can be used in a shower. Do not use a metal or plastic strip at the top of the base as patients can remove it for use as a weapon.

ii. Ceramic and Porcelain Tile - Larger tiles may be used (to reduce the number of joints) as long as the installation is maintained in good condition.

iii. One-Piece Floor Units – These units\(^{564}\) provide a monolithic floor (European-style) for the entire patient toilet room that drains the shower to a central location. If used in conjunction with location of the shower enclosure and shower head, this unit can eliminate the need for shower curtains.

iv. Solid-Surface Material Basins – These are available with a trench drain\(^{567}\) across the entire front opening of the stall, which not only helps keep water from getting into the room, but also makes the drain more difficult for patients to intentionally clog. Fiberglass shower stalls and floors are generally not durable enough.
v. Prefabricated Bathrooms\textsuperscript{568} – These contain all finishes, fixtures, and accessories and can reduce construction time because they are shipped to the site ready to be connected to the utilities.

### 3. Specialties

#### a. Toilet Accessories –

i. Robe Hooks – Evaluate the risk of using these hooks. If they are required, they should be the collapsible type.\textsuperscript{350}

ii. Towel Bars – Use collapsible hooks\textsuperscript{350} instead of towel bars for towels.

iii. Grab Bars – Because some patients may be on medications that interfere with their equilibrium, grab bars for toilets and showers are recommended for all patient-accessible toilets. A self-draining bar\textsuperscript{332} may be installed on a slight slope. These provide a high degree of safety and are also easy to clean and sanitize. If the wall surface behind the bar is not smooth and flat, provide pick-resistant sealant to the joint between the bar and the wall.

iv. Vertical Grab Bars – In locations where vertical grab bars are required or desired, typical ligature-resistant bars mounted vertically can usually be grasped only from one side. A ligature-resistant grab bar specifically designed to be mounted vertically\textsuperscript{337} can be grasped from either side.

v. Soap Dishes – These should not have handles and should be recessed. Soap dishes that can be installed from the front\textsuperscript{390a} should be provided unless there is access to the chase behind the wall for installation.

vi. Soap Dispensers – Many facilities now use liquid or foam soap in patient areas, but the commonly used hard-plastic soap dispensers are problematic in that they are fairly easy to pull off the wall and break into sharp shards that can be used as weapons. At least one manufacturer now offers steel covers for their standard dispensers. Another solution is a dispenser made of solid-surface material\textsuperscript{391} commonly used for counter tops that is relatively tamper-resistant. Some commercially available stainless steel dispensers are reasonably ligature-resistant.
vii. Toilet Paper Holders:

- Toilet paper holders\(^{400}\) that do not require a bar or tube to hold the paper allow for standard use of the roll of toilet paper without requiring everyone using the roll to handle it. They are available in receded and surface mounted styles and some have no moving parts.

- b. Other toilet paper holders use a bar(s) that pivot down\(^{400f,9}\) when vertical pressure is imposed.

viii. Shelves – Shelves to hold miscellaneous items are often requested in shower stalls and near wall-hung lavatories. A stainless-steel suicide-resistant shelf that is either surface-mounted\(^{371}\) or recessed into the wall\(^{370}\) may be considered for these applications. Front mounted recessed units are preferred unless access to the chase is provided.

ix. Paper Towel Dispensers – Paper towel dispensers are a concern in patient-accessible toilets because they typically are constructed of light-weight materials that can either be broken or bent to form sharp objects that may be used as weapons. Alternatives are as follows:

- Place a small stack of paper towels on a surface-mounted or recessed shelf.

- Provide a heavy-gauge, vandal-resistant dispenser.\(^ {340b}\)

- Install a heavy-duty secure cover\(^ {340a}\) over a standard-weight paper towel dispenser.
b. Mirrors and Domes – There are several options now available.

i. Glass-laminated polycarbonate mirrors in ligature resistant wood frames offer an option with a residential appearance and are scratch resistant. (See also A.3.e.i)

ii. Polycarbonate mirrors with built-in lighting are attractive and non-institutional but are susceptible to scratching.

iii. Typical radiused stainless steel-framed security mirrors are available with polycarbonate, tempered glass, stainless steel, or chrome-plated steel reflective surfaces. Each has different durability and distortion characteristics. Some framed mirrors have a flat surface on top and/or do not fit tightly to the wall and ceiling.

6. Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings

a. Toilet Fixtures - Toilets used by behavioral health patients should be a floor-mounted, back (or wall) outlet, back water supply type rather than a wall-mounted fixture, which can be broken off its hangers. Currently, the only china fixtures in this configuration are ADA handicapped-accessible fixtures. Where wall-hung toilets or floor mounted fixtures that do not fit tightly to the wall exist and replacing them is not practical, some facilities have had stainless steel or solid surface filler panels custom fabricated to fill the voids.

i. Movable seats provide attachment points for ligatures, so their use should be considered carefully by each hospital. The solution is to use a fixture with an integral seat as suggested above. Some facilities feel this is too prison-like and choose to accept the risk of the movable seat.

ii. China fixtures themselves (both floor- and wall-mounted) can be broken into large, sharp shards. Toilet fixtures made of solid-surface material and stainless steel are available and are much more resistant to breakage. The stainless steel fixtures can be powder-coated for a less “institutional” appearance.

iii. Toilet fixtures that manufacturers claim will support loads in excess of 2,000 pounds are available if needed for patients of size.
b. Sinks:

i. Typical commercial solid-surface counter tops with integral sinks offer a much less institutional appearance. They also provide a place for patients to set their toothbrushes, etc. Specialty vanity top-type lavatories provide many of the same benefits.

ii. Wall-Hung Solid-Surface Lavatories – Corner lavatories make ligature attachment difficult and some come with the ADA required 18” space from the wall to the centerline of the drain and matching pipe enclosure.

iii. If a wall-hung fixture is used that does not fit into a corner, the optional filler panel is recommended to fill the space between the side of the fixture and an adjacent wall when there is one near the fixture. Stainless steel or high-impact polymer pipe covers designed for the lavatories that fit tightly to the bottom of the fixture should also be provided.

iv. Lavatory Waste and Supply Piping – All piping of this type must be enclosed so it is not accessible to patients. Extreme care should be taken to trim the enclosing material so it fits tightly to the underside of the lavatory fixture to prevent the patient from using this space to hide contraband.

c. Showers:

i. Shower Heads – These should be a ligature-resistant institutional type. ADA Handicapped-accessible showers are required to have either a hand-held shower head or a second, lower head 48” above the floor. The hand-held shower head should be on a ligature-resistant, quick-disconnect fitting that allows removal of the head and attached hose when not in use. If a hook is provided to hold the hand-held shower head, it should be mounted on the part of the fitting that is removed when the hose is removed. A ligature resistant shower head with integral quick-disconnect fitting and internal diverter valve is available which reduces the clutter of individual items. Another option is to provide a lockable cabinet to house the hand-held head and valve.
ii. **Shower Control Valves** - *Note:* Provide thermostatically limited hot water to prevent accidental or intentional scalding in all patient-accessible sinks and showers.

- Single-knob mixing valves that provide minimal opportunity for tying anything around them are preferred. These give patients control of the water temperature and duration of flow. Some of these are claimed to be ADA-compliant by their manufacturers.

- If it is only necessary to replace the valve handles and the valve itself is working properly, use of a replacement valve handle that can be adapted to a variety of valves might be considered. *Note:* This may void any remaining warranty on the existing valve.

- A “no-touch” valve that appears to be ADA compliant is available. It utilizes infrared controls to give patients control of a range of water temperatures and the duration of flow.

- One-piece shower assemblies that contain shower heads, valves, and a recessed soap dishes work well for remodeling projects because they reduce the amount of repair needed for wall finishes. These are also available with a second head located 48” above the floor and a diverter valve if needed for ADA purposes.

iii. **Shower Drains** – That offer less opportunity for ligature attachment or patients abrading their skin are preferred over more traditional drain grates.

iv. **Diverter Valve** – If a diverter valve is needed to change the water flow from the standard shower head to the ADA-required head, a ligature-resistant diverter valve may be provided.

d. **Faucets** - Lavatory and Sink Faucets and Valves – Faucets and valves can provide attachment points for ligatures. A lavatory valve unit is now available that uses a shower valve fitted with a ligature-resistant handle to allow patients to control the temperature (thermostatically limited to prevent scalding) and duration of the water flow. This valve can be used to replace the motion sensor activation of some faucets. Faucets are available in a variety of materials.
and configurations that range from push-button to motion sensor-activated. Faucets with two push buttons allow patients some choice of water temperature and do not require electricity (either battery or line voltage) to operate. They also will not automatically turn on unexpectedly, which is disturbing to some patients.

e. **Flush Valves** – Toilet flush valves that are recessed in the wall and activated by a push button are preferred. Where this is not practical, the flush valve and all related pipes should be enclosed with a stainless steel or plastic cover with a sloped top that incorporates a push-button activator for the valve. Sensor activation of flush valves is discouraged because they require electricity (either battery or line voltage) and may flush unexpectedly which can be disturbing to some patients.

### 7. HVAC

a. **Air Grilles** – Perforated air grilles are not suggested for Level IV areas. Grilles with “S” vanes are preferred. See Section A Baseline Conditions.

### 8. Electrical

a. **Electrical Devices:**
   
   i. In new construction or major remodeling, the *FGI Guidelines* require a dedicated circuit be provided for all electrical outlets in each patient room and bath. This will allow power to the outlets in a specific room to be turned off if necessary for a patient’s safety. Control of each circuit should be located where only staff have access. Where this is not practical in an existing facility, a tamper-resistant temporary cover may be installed when necessary.

   ii. All electrical switch and outlet cover plates should be as discussed in Baseline.

b. **Light Fixtures** – These fixtures require wet condition rating and are otherwise the same as Baseline.

### 9. Communications

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a. Nurse Calls – These are not required by the FGI Guidelines, but if they are provided, they must meet general hospital standards. In addition, flush mounted push-button activation is preferred. In areas where falls may occur, it is recommended that a second push button located about 12” above the floor be provided below the one at normal mounting height. If pull cord activators are provided, the FGI Guidelines limit their length to a maximum of 6 inches in length.
F. Level V:

Areas where staff interact with newly admitted patients who present potential unknown risks or where patients may be in highly agitated condition:

Level V-a. Admissions:

All items shall be the same as Level IV with the following exceptions:

If possible, the admissions function is preferred to not take place on an inpatient unit. At admission, unit staff members know very little about a new patient and his or her trigger points. A separate location for admission avoids disrupting either the unit or the new patient due to the agitation of either.

The Admission rooms should be pleasant and welcoming and should be minimally furnished (with a few loose pieces of furniture).

The room should be large enough to allow for several staff to physically manage the patient if necessary. If possible, the admitting staff member should not be in the room alone with a patient. After the admitting process is complete, the patient can be escorted to the unit. These precautions are particularly important.
for emergency admissions, which frequently occur at night and on weekends.

1. Openings

a. Doors - As stated above, all rooms patients will enter are suggested to have a barricade-resistant solution as discussed in Baseline.

b. Windows:

   i. Exterior – If exterior windows are present, they are suggested to comply with comments for Level IV above.

   ii. Interior - Provide a small (12”x12” or 4”x24”) view window in the door that can be controlled by staff from outside the room to observe what is happening in the room when necessary and resist non-authorized individuals having visual access to the room.

4. Furnishings

a. Cabinets (Built-in) - Same as discussed in Baseline.

b. Seating –

   i. The furniture arrangement is suggested to locate the patient’s and family member’s chair(s) so that when they are seated, they will not be between the staff member and the door to the room.

   Chairs are preferred to be comfortable and fixed in place or heavyweight as discussed in Section A Baseline Concepts.

   ii. Desk Seating for staff is suggested to be a lightweight plastic chair in lieu of a standard desk chair which could be used as a weapon.

b. Furniture:

   i. If a built-in desk or table is provided, it is preferred to be sturdy and firmly attached to the floor or walls and
contain a lockable file drawer for forms and a lockable box drawer for pens, pencils, staplers, etc. All loose items should be kept in drawers and out of sight.

ii. The use of laptop or tablet computers in these rooms is preferable to minimize cords and wires that patients may be able to access. If desktop computers are provided, they are suggested to be located so the patient cannot easily reach them.

8. Electrical

a. **Light Fixtures** – Dimmable wall or ceiling washing light fixtures are suggested so that lower levels (and possibly warmer color temperatures) are available to provide a less stimulating environment. See Baseline

9. Communications

a. **Telephone Sets** – are suggested to be cordless phones to reduce the number of wires that may be available to patients. If standard telephones are provided, it is suggested that they be located as far away from patients as possible or in lockable cabinets.

b. **Nurse Calls / Duress Alarms** If a personal duress alarm system is not present, an emergency call button for use by staff is strongly suggested to be provided so staff may summon additional staff members if necessary.

10. Electronic Safety

a. **Metal Detectors** – may be provided in the Admissions area to assist with screening incoming patients for contraband. See Baseline
Level V-b. Seclusion Rooms and Restraint Rooms

All items shall be the same as Level IV with the following exceptions:

Seclusion Rooms and Restraint Rooms are very similar in design and construction with the size and furniture being the two main differentiating features. The FGI Guidelines require Seclusion Rooms to be a minimum of 60 square feet in floor area and Restraint rooms to be a minimum of 80 square feet in floor area. They should be no less than 7 feet wide and no greater than 11 feet long to avoid providing enough space for a patient to get a running start at the opposite wall. They should be designed to

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minimize blind spots where patients cannot be observed by staff without entering the room and outside corners are to be avoided, where possible. A minimum ceiling height of 9 feet is preferred.

The distance of the seclusion room from the nurse station needs to be considered. The goal is to avoid excessive distance so staff can be readily available as needed. The seclusion room door should swing out of the room and open directly into an anteroom to separate these activities from other patients and give the patient access to a toilet without entering the corridor.

1. Openings

a. Doors - Heavy-duty, commercial-grade steel doors with a minimum clear width of 3’-8” (usually requires nominal 4’-0” wide doors) that are hinged to swing out of the room. Polycarbonate\textsuperscript{201} view windows not to exceed 100 square inches is strongly suggested to allow staff to observe the patient and determine the location of the patient before opening the door. The height of the window should allow shorter staff members to see into the room.

b. Door Hardware:
   
i. Exposed door hardware is typically not provided on the inside face of these doors.
   
ii. The seclusion room door is preferred to have three-point latching with manual activation of a single lever required to engage all three bolts.\textsuperscript{160} This operation greatly reduces the risk of a staff becoming locked in the room with a patient.

c. Windows:
   
i. Exterior – If exterior windows are present, they are suggested to be a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$” thick polycarbonate and have either mini-blinds or roller blinds that have motorized operation controllable from the Ante Room.
   
ii. Interior – See comments on view window in the door above. Other interior windows in these rooms are discouraged to help avoid over-stimulation of patients.

2. Finishes

a. Walls:

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i. Padded wall finish is often provided which has either a Kevlar-facing or heavy vinyl facing and 1 1/2" thick foam backing.\(^{270}\)

ii. Unpadded - Impact-resistant gypsum board\(^{230}\) over 3/4” plywood (or 25 gauge sheet metal which stiffens the wall, is easily cut and does not require wider door frames) on minimum 20-gauge metal studs at 16” on center with high performance finish.\(^{280}\)

b. **Ceilings** – Impact-resistant and/or abrasion-resistant gypsum board\(^{230, 231}\) painted with high performance finish\(^{260}\) at 9’-0” minimum height is preferred.

c. **Wall Base:**

i. Unpadded – Use of a separate base material is not recommended in these rooms. If painted, exposed gypsum board finish is provided; it is preferred that it be extended to the floor and a pick-resistant caulk joint be provided at the floor. A painted stripe that is 4” or 6” high may be provided to help hide scuffing and marking on the wall.

ii. Padded – No base is typically provided, the padding extends to the top of the flooring.

d. **Flooring** – Provide continuous sheet vinyl with foam backing and heat-welded seams\(^{272}\) or padded flooring to match wall padding.

3. **Specialties**

a. **Mirrors and Domes – Observation Mirror** – Install a convex mirror\(^{420}\) at the ceiling in the corner of the room opposite the seclusion room door. Make sure the mirror can be seen when viewing it from the window in the door. This mirror will give staff a full view of the room prior to opening the door. Care shall be taken to assure the attachment is secure so the patient cannot remove it and have a weapon and the perimeter is sealed with pick-resistant caulk.
4. Furnishings

No furniture is typically provided in Seclusion rooms, only a behavioral health mattress on the floor.

a. a. Furniture:

i. Seclusion rooms are suggested to have only a behavioral health care mattress\(^{492}\) on the floor or a special seclusion room bed.\(^{493a}\) These beds should not have loops to which mechanical restraints may be attached because these are ligature attachment points for secluded patients.

ii. Restraint rooms are suggested to have special beds with loops for attachment of restraint straps.\(^{497}\) These beds are typically anchored in place and positioned to allow space for access on at least three sides, if not all four sides.

iii. If a room will be used for patients that are both in restraints and in seclusion (without restraints), there are several beds available that have restraint attachment loops that may be quickly and easily removed.\(^{498}\)

5. Fire Suppression

a. Fire Sprinkler Heads - Institutional Type – Same as for Level IV

6. Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings

a. Same as those in Level IV-B except that toilet fixtures of Powder-coated stainless-steel fixtures\(^{534}\) or solid surface material\(^{533}\) are preferred by some facilities.

7. HVAC

a. Diffusers, Registers and Grilles HVAC grilles - Fully recessed, vandal-resistant grilles with S-shaped air passageways\(^{600}\)

b. Thermostats – These are preferred to be a digital type with control mounted on the wall in the anteroom and sensor in the return air duct serving the room.

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8. Electrical

a. **Electrical Devices.** No electrical outlets, switches, thermostats, blank cover plates, or similar devices are permitted inside seclusion rooms.

b. **Light Fixtures.** Light Fixtures – Fully recessed, moisture-resistant, vandal-resistant light fixtures installed in the ceiling are recommended. Dimmable wall or ceiling washing light fixtures are suggested so that lower levels (and possibly more soothing colors) are available to provide a less stimulating environment.

9. Communications

a. **Telephone Sets** - None allowed.

b. **Nurse Calls / Duress Alarms** – None allowed, it is typical that a staff member is assigned to continuously observe the patient in these rooms. A staff assist call button mounted in the Anteroom may be required by the FGI Guidelines
Summary

Thoughtful consideration of these design elements and materials by design team members and hospital staff can result in a very aesthetically pleasing environment that will enhance the treatment process and help maximize safety for patients, staff, and visitors. It is strongly recommended that wall-hung lavatories, 2’x4’ fluorescent light fixtures, paddle-handle door hardware, and many other items typically found in general hospitals **NOT** be used in behavioral health facilities. The reasons these are used in general hospitals typically do not exist in behavioral health care units. Their elimination will significantly reduce the institutional character of behavioral health facilities without decreasing patient or staff safety.

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The authors’ desire is that hospital staff and their design teams will use this information to start conversations about what is the best solution for each individual facility’s patients and staff.

The Baseline level of concern in Section A is intended to represent a typical level of risk tolerance for inpatient units. This baseline is adjusted up or down for the levels of concern in the environmental safety risk assessment matrix as discussed herein.
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01 00 00 – General

01 00 01 – Trash Receptacle Liner

1a. Trash receptacle liner – paper
   **Sani-liner®**
   Wisconsin Converting
   Green Bay, WI
   920-593-8297
   www.wisconsinconverting.com

1c. Trash receptacle liner – paper
   **Psych-Select-Bag™**
   Dano Group
   Stamford, CT
   800-348-3266
   www.danoinc.com

07 00 00 – Thermal and Moisture Protection

07 92 00 – Joint Sealants

10a. Sound and Smoke Seals – Breakaway
   **Cush’N’Seal w/breakaway anti-ligature option**
   Door and Hardware Systems, Inc.
   Rochester, NY
   585-235-8543
   www.dhsi-seal.com

10b. Sound and smoke seals – breakaway
   **Ligature-resistant Zag option**
   Zero International – Allegion
   Indianapolis, IN
   877-671-7011
   www.zerointernational.com

10c. Sound and smoke/fire seals – breakaway
   **Adhesive gaskets - perforated**
   Pemko Manufacturing Company
   Memphis, TN
   800-824-3018
   www.pemko.com
20a. Pick-resistant caulk

**Dynaflex™ SC**
Pecora Corporation
Harleysville, PA
800-523-6688
www.pecora.com

20b. Pick-resistant caulk

**Everseal # SB-190**
Surebond
St. Charles, IL 60174
877-843-1818
www.surebond.com

20c. Pick-resistant caulk

**Mastera® #CR 190**
BASF Construction Chemicals
Shakopee, MN 55379
800-243-6739
www.master-builders-solutions.basf.us

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**08 00 00 - OPENINGS**

**08 10 00 – Doors and Frames**

25a. Synthetic faced door

**Acrovyn® Doors**
Construction Specialties
Lebanon, NJ 08833
800-972-7214
www.c-sgroup.com

25b. Synthetic-faced door-

**Thermal-Fused Doors**
ASSA ABLOY Door Group
c/o Maiman
Springfield, MO 65803
417-616-8234
www.assaabloywooddoors.com

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**08 31 13 – Access Doors**

30.a Access panel – lockable
   *SP Steel Security Panel with mortise deadbolt prep*
   J. L. Industries, Inc.
   Bloomington, MN 55435
   800-554-6077
   [www.jlindustries.com](http://www.jlindustries.com)

30.b Access panel – lockable
   *Security Access Panel with tamper resistant latches & rounded corners*
   Weizel Security
   800-308-3627
   [www.securinghospitals.com](http://www.securinghospitals.com)

**08 34 00 – Special Function Doors**

40a. Patient toilet door
   *Wanford En-Suite Bathroom Door*
   Safehinge-Primera
   UK
   0330-058-0988
   [www.safehingeprimera.com](http://www.safehingeprimera.com)

40b. Patient toilet door
   *En-Suite Patient Bathroom Door w/ Shower Door*
   Option: #SHDUS02
   Kingsway Group USA
   Royal Oak, MI 48073
   800-783-7980
   [www.kingswaygroupusa.com](http://www.kingswaygroupusa.com)
   NOTE: Hinge only, see Item 111g; Rubber fin only, see item 473e
40c. Patient Toilet Door
   **Ligature Resistant Sliding Door System with Frame**
   Accurate Lock and Hardware
   Stamford, CT 06902
   203-348-8865
   [www.accuratelockandhardware.com](http://www.accuratelockandhardware.com)

40d. Patient toilet door
   **Sentinel Event Reduction Door**
   Norva Plastics, Inc.
   Norfolk, VA 23508
   800-826-0758
   [www.norvaplastics.com](http://www.norvaplastics.com)

40e. Patient toilet door
   **Soft Suicide Prevention Door**
   Kennon Products, Inc.
   Sheridan, WY 82801
   307-674-6498
   [www.suicideproofing.com](http://www.suicideproofing.com)

44b. Wicket doors
   **Acrovyn® Barrier-Resistant Doors**
   Construction Specialties
   Lebanon, NJ 08833
   800-972-7214
   [www.c-sgroup.com](http://www.c-sgroup.com)

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44c. Wicket doors

**Behavioral Health Series Patient Room Access Door**

ASSA ABLOY Door Security Solutions

New Haven, CT 06511

800-377-3948

www.assaabloydss.com

44d. Wicket doors

**Wicket Door (Wood Doors)**

Marshfield Door Systems

Marshfield, WI 54449

800-869-3667

www.marshfielddoors.com

44e. Wicket doors

**GCD-EC Flush Wicket Door with structural composite lumber core**

Graham Wood Door

Mason City, Iowa 50401

641-423-2444

www.grahamdoors.com

47a. Security sidelight

**Security Sidelite Unit**

Curries Company

Mason City, IA 50401

641-423-1334

www.curries.com

47b. Security sidelight

**Security SideLite Unit**

Ceco Door

Milan, TN 38358

www.cecodoor.com

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08 51 13 – Aluminum Windows

60a. Aluminum window with integral blind

**2450 Series Storefront with hinged sash and integral blind**

Manko Window Systems, Inc.
Manhattan, KS 66502
800-642-1488
www.mankowindows.com

60b. Aluminum window with integral blind

**2187-DT Psychiatric Windows with integral blind**

Wausau Window and Wall Systems
Wausau, WI 54401
877-678-2983
www.wausauwindow.com

60c. Aluminum window with integral blind - removable

**SS-5100 Medium-Security Mental Health Security Window**

Sherwood Windows Group
Toronto, Ontario M9W 5E3
Canada
800-770-5256
www.sherwoodwindows.com

61a. Exterior windows - ventilation

**Safevent Windows**

Britplas
Woolston, Warrington WA1 4RW
England
+44-1925-824317
www.britplas.com

61b. Exterior windows - ventilation

**SW-6300 Operable Security Window**

Sherwood Windows Group
Toronto, Ontario M9W 5E3
Canada
800-770-5256
www.sherwoodwindows.com
61c. Exterior windows - ventilation

**512 Ventrow Ventilator**
Kawneer North America
Norcross, GA 30092
770-449-5555
www.kawneer.com

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**08 56 56 – Security Window Screens**

80. Security screens

**Security Screens**
Kane Innovations
Erie, PA 16506
800-773-2439
www.kanescreens.com

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**08 71 00 – Door Hardware**

100a. Door closer

**Concealed closer #2010 Series**
LCN
Princeton, IL 61356-0100
877-671-7011
us.allegion.com/brands/lcn/Pages/default.aspx

100b. Door closer

**High-security track closer #4510T SMOOTHEE® Series**
LCN
121 West Railroad Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356-0100
877-671-7011
us.allegion.com/brands/lcn/Pages/default.aspx

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101. Electrically controlled door closer
*Fire/Life Safety Series HSA Sentronic Electrically Controlled Closer/Holder*

LCN
P.O. Box 100
Princeton, IL 61356-0100
815-875-3111
us.allegion.com/brands/lcn/Pages/default.aspx

109. Electric-release concealed deadbolts
*ELECTRATM concealed vertical rod latching lever locksets*

Securitech Group, Inc.
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

110. Electromagnetic lock
*Electromagnetic Locks*

DynaLock Corporation
Bristol, CT 06010
877-396-2562
www.dynalock.com

111a. Continuous hinges – gear type with hospital tip
*780-Series Roton Hinges*

Hager Companies
St. Louis, MO 63104
800-325-9995
www.hagerco.com/Product-Listing.aspx?CatID=152&SubCatID=189

111b. Continuous hinges – gear type with hospital tip
*112HD Concealed Continuous Hinge*

Ives
Indianapolis, IN 46219
877-671-7011
us.allegion.com

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111c. Continuous hinges – gear type with hospital tip

**825-S22 SR™ SR824-S22 SafeSupport Continuous Gear Hinge**

Weizel Security
800-308-3627
www.securinghospitals.com

111e. Continuous hinges – gear type with hospital tip

**Continuous Geared Hinge # KG200**

Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

111f. Continuous Hinges – gear type with hospital tip

**SL11 Concealed single acting continuous geared hinge**

Select Products Limited
Portage MI 49024
800-423-1174
www.selecthinges.com

111g. Continuous hinges

**Anti-Ligature Continuous Swing Hinge for Shower w/ Cap # KG203**

Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

113a. Double-acting continuous hinge

**Double Swing Hinge # DSH1000 Barrel Type**

Markar
Memphis, TN 38181

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113c. Double-acting continuous hinge

**Swing Hinge # KG202**
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
[www.kingswaygroupusa.com](http://www.kingswaygroupusa.com)

113d. Double-acting continuous hinge

**Switch Hinge # KG280**
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
[www.kingswaygroupusa.com](http://www.kingswaygroupusa.com)

115b. Emergency stop

**Emergency Release Stop #ERS**
Pemko Manufacturing Company
Memphis, TN 38141
800-824-3018
[www.pemko.com](http://www.pemko.com)

115c. Emergency stop

**Swing Stop # LG205, LG206**
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
[www.kingswaygroupusa.com](http://www.kingswaygroupusa.com)

120. Door pull

**Vandal-Resistant Door Pull Trim # VR910-DT**
Ives
Indianapolis, IN 46219
877-671-7011
[us.allegion.com](http://us.allegion.com)

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121c. Door pull, recessed

*Heavy Duty Security Flush Pull # D89*
Rockwood Manufacturing Company
Rockwood, PA 15557
800-458-2424
[www.rockwoodmfg.com](http://www.rockwoodmfg.com)

121d. Door pull, recessed

*Heavy Duty ADA Security Flush Pull # BF97L*
Rockwood Manufacturing Company
Rockwood, PA 15557
800-458-2424
[www.rockwoodmfg.com](http://www.rockwoodmfg.com)

130a. Ligature-resistant lever handle lockset

*Anti Ligature Lockset (Mortise and Cylindrical) #SPSL*
Best Access Systems
Indianapolis, IN 46250
317-849-2250

130b. Ligature-resistant lever handle lockset

*Schlage L Series Extra Heavy Duty Mortise Lock with ligature resistant lever*
Allegion
877-671-7011
[us.allegion.com/IRSTDocs/Brochure/106510.pdf](http://us.allegion.com/IRSTDocs/Brochure/106510.pdf)

130c. Ligature-resistant lever handle lockset

*Series 5SS19 Institutional Life Safety Mortise Locksets - Levers*
Marks USA
Amityville, NY 11701
800-526-0233
[www.marksusa.com](http://www.marksusa.com)

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130d. Ligature-resistant lever handle lockset

*LSL Life Safety Lever Series*
Grainger
Lake Forest, IL 60045
800-472-4643
www.grainger.com

131a. Ligature-resistant modified lever handle lockset

*8200 with BHW Trim*
Sargent Manufacturing Company
100 Sargent Drive
New Haven, CT 06536-0915
800-727-5477
www.sargentlock.com

131b. Ligature-resistant modified lever handle lockset

*Crescent Handle – horizontal installation*
Accurate Lock and Hardware
Stamford, CT 06902
203-348-8865
www.accuratelockandhardware.com

131c. Ligature-resistant modified lever handle lockset

*Securitech; Solis handle available for both mortise and cylindrical locksets)*
Securitech Group, Inc.
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com/securiguard/

131d. Ligature-resistant modified lever handle lockset

*HD Ligature Resistant Cylindrical Lock CH-CYL Series*
Accurate Lock and Hardware
Stamford, CT 06902
203-348-8865
www.accuratelockandhardware.com

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132a. Ligature-resistant lockset

**Ligature Resistant Push/Pull 9125ALP**
Accurate Lock and Hardware
Stamford, CT 06902
203-348-8865
[www.accuratelockandhardware.com](http://www.accuratelockandhardware.com)

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140. Patient room privacy lockset

**Patient Room Privacy Lockset**
Best Access Systems
Indianapolis, IN 46250
800-392-5209

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141a. Cylinder protector

**Securiguard Cylinder Protector; Model #63LR**
Securitech Group, Inc.
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
[www.securitech.com/securiguard/](http://www.securitech.com/securiguard/)

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141b. Cylinder protector

**ShieldX Cylinder Protector**
Grainger
Lake Forest, IL 60045
800-472-4643
[www.grainger.com](http://www.grainger.com)

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143a. Deadbolt

*Deadbolt with ligature-resistant turn piece (retract bolt only) #PBL102-630*

Securitech Group, Inc.
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

143b. Deadbolt

*Vertical Deadbolt with ligature-resist. turn piece (retract bolt only) #52XXV-F17*

Securitech Group, Inc.
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

144. Sallyport interlock hardware

*RACHIE™ series lockset package*

Securitech Group, Inc.
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

145. Remote authorization

*Assa Cliq Remote Authorization System*

Assa Abloy
www.assaboly.com

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146. Ball catch
*Dual Adjustable Ball Catch #347*
  Ives
  Indianapolis, IN 46219
  877-671-7011
  us.allegion.com

147. Roller latch
*Roller Latch # RL30*
  Ives
  Indianapolis, IN 46219
  877-671-7011
  us.allegion.com

148. Magnetic latch
*Super-Mite Heavy Duty Magnetic Catch #327*
  Ives
  Indianapolis, IN 46219
  877-671-7011
  us.allegion.com

150a. Over-door alarm
*The Door Switch*
  St. Louis, MO 63146
  877-998-5625
  thedoorswitch.com

150b. Over-door alarm
*Top Door Alarm®*
  Door Control Services, Inc.
  Ben Wheeler, TX 75754
  800-356-2025
  www.doorcontrolservices.com

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160c. Seclusion room door locks

**Schlage; Multipoint Solution # LM9300**
Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies
Carmel, IN 46032 US
877-671-7011
us.allegion.com/IRSTDDocuments1/104833.pdf

160d. Seclusion room door locks

**Multi-Bolt Self-Latching Concealed Locksets (USL Series)**
Securitech
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

161. Cross-corridor door locks

**Electra Concealed Vertical Rod Latching Lever Locksets #109**
Securitech
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

162. Elopement buffer or sallyport door locks

**RACHIE Entry & Exit Control Systems**
Securitech
Maspeth, NY 11378
800-622-5625
www.securitech.com

175a. Wall Stops

**KG184 Anti-Ligature Rubber Wall Stop**
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

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175b. Wall Stops
   **KG270-278 Anti-Ligature Extended Rubber Wall Stop**
   Kingsway Group USA
   Royal Oak, MI 48073
   800-783-7980
   [www.kingswaygroupusa.com](http://www.kingswaygroupusa.com)

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### 08 87 53 – Security Films

190a. Window film
   **Scotchshield™ Ultra – 14 mil Film with Perimeter Attachment System**
   3M Specified Construction Products Department
   St. Paul, MN 55144
   888-364-3577
   [www.3m.com](http://www.3m.com)

190b. Window film
   **200 Series – Safety and Security Laminate**
   ACE (Advanced Coatings Engineering)
   Newark, DE 19713
   888-607-0000
   [www.usace.com](http://www.usace.com)

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### 08 88 53 – Security Glazing

200a. Security glazing
   **121000 or 121100 ArmorProtect Plus®**
   Oldcastle Building Envelope®
   Dallas, TX 75244
   866-653-2278
   [www.obe.com](http://www.obe.com)

200b. Security glazing
   **9/16Psych-2118**
   Global Security Glazing
   Selma, AL 36703
   (800) 633-2513
   [www.security-glazing.com](http://www.security-glazing.com)
   (NOTE: meets ASTM F1233 Class 1.4)

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200c. Security glazing

*Laminated Annealed Glass w/ SGP Interlayer*
Global Security Glazing
Selma, AL 36703
(800) 633-2513
www.security-glazing.com

201a. Polycarbonate sheet glazing – abrasion-resistant

*MR10 LEXAN - MARGARD II Sheet*
SABIC Americas
Pittsfield, MA 01201
800-323-3783
www.sabic.com

201b. Polycarbonate sheet glazing

*Makrolon® GP Sheet*
Covestro LLC
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-9723
877-229-3778
www.sheets.covestro.com

205a. Fire-rated glazing

*Fireglass; FireLite ®*
Technical Glass Products (TGP) (Allegion)
800-426-0279
www.fireglass.com

205b. Fire-rated glazing

*Fireglass; WireLite ® - NT*
Technical Glass Products (TGP) (Allegion)
800-426-0279
www.fireglass.com

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220a. Vision panels

Vision panels, key operation
VISTAMATIC®
Coral Springs, FL 33065
866-466-9525
www.vistamaticvisionpanels.com

220b. Vision panels

Duralux Secure Privacy Vision Panel
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

220c. Vision panels

ViuLite manual or motorized blinds inside glass panels
Unicel Architectural Corp.
Longueuil, Quebec, Canada J4G 2J4
800-668-1580
www.unicelarchitectural.com

220d. Vision panels

Between Glass Blinds vision panels
VISTAMATIC, LLC
Coral Springs, FL 33065
866-466-9525
www.betweenglassblinds.com

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220e. Vision panels

**IE; Blinds® sealed, integral blind assemblies**

IE Blinds
Ben Wheeler, TX 75754
866-267-1917
[www.ieblinds.com](http://www.ieblinds.com)

221a. Vision panels

**Clarity Privacy Glass (electric)**

VISTAMATIC®
Coral Springs, FL 33065
866-466-9525
[www.vistamaticvisionpanels.com](http://www.vistamaticvisionpanels.com)

221b. Vision Panels

**Duralux Platinum Switchable Vision Panel (electric)**

Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
[www.kingswaygroupusa.com](http://www.kingswaygroupusa.com)

09 00 00 – Finishes

09 21 16 – Gypsum Board

230a. Impact-resistant gypsum board

**Sheetrock® Brand engineered gypsum panels – abuse-resistant**

USG Corporation
Chicago, IL 60661
800-874-4968
[www.usg.com](http://www.usg.com)

230b. Impact-resistant wallboard

**Gold Bond® Brand Hi-Impact® XP® Gypsum Board – moisture- and fire-resistant also has abrasion resistant paper face**

National Gypsum Company
Charlotte, NC 28211
704-365-7300
[www.nationalgypsum.com](http://www.nationalgypsum.com)

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230c. Impact-resistant wallboard

**Extreme Impact Resistant Type X Gypsum Board**

CertainTeed Corporation  
Melvern, PA 19355  
800-233-8990  
www.certainteed.com

231a. Abrasion-resistant wallboard

**Gold Bond® Brand Hi-Abuse® XP® Gypsum Board**

National Gypsum Company  
Charlotte, NC 28211  
704-365-7300  
www.nationalgypsum.com

231b. Abrasion-resistant wallboard

**Extreme Abuse Resistant Type X Gypsum Board**

CertainTeed Corporation  
Melvern, PA 19355  
800-233-8990  
www.certainteed.com

232a. Sound-absorbing wallboard

**QuietRock sound-reducing panels**

PABCO® Gypsum  
Newark, CA 94560  
800-797-8159  
www.quietrock.com

232b. Sound-absorbing wallboard

**Silent FX Quick Cut Noise Reducing Type X Gypsum Board**

CertainTeed Corporation  
Melvern, PA 19355  
800-233-8990  
www.certainteed.com

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232c. Sound Attenuation wallboard

**Gold Bond® Soundboard® XP® Gypsum Board**
National Gypsum Company
Charlotte, NC 28211
704-365-7300
[www.nationalgypsum.com](http://www.nationalgypsum.com)

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**09 50 00 – Ceilings**

234a. Ceiling Accessories

**MBAC – Main Beam Adapter Clip for attaching gyp. bd. to ceiling grid**
Armstrong Ceiling Solutions
[www.armstrongceilings.com](http://www.armstrongceilings.com)

239a. Tamper-resistant ceiling panels

**Metal Works; Vector**
Armstrong Ceiling Solutions
877-276-7876
[www.armstrongceilings.com](http://www.armstrongceilings.com)

239b. Tamper-resistant ceiling panels

**Metal Works; Clip-On**
Armstrong Ceiling Solutions
877-276-7876
[www.armstrongceilings.com](http://www.armstrongceilings.com)

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**09 65 13 – Resilient Base**

240. Wall base

**Health Design™ Wall Base**
FLEXCO® Corporation
Tuscumbia, AL 35674
800-633-3151
[www.flexcofloors.com](http://www.flexcofloors.com)

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241a. Wall base
**Visuelle Wall Base**
Roppe Corporation, USA
Fostoria, OH 44830
800-537-9527
www.roppe.com

241b. Wall base
**Johnsonite “Millwork” Contours Wall Base – PV4065**
Roppe Corporation, USA
Fostoria, OH 44830
800-537-9527
www.roppe.com

**09 65 16 – Resilient Flooring**

245a. Sheet vinyl flooring
**Homogeneous Vinyl Sheet Flooring**
Armstrong Flooring, Inc.
Lancaster, PA 17604
888-276-7876
www.armstrong.com

245b. Sheet vinyl flooring
**Noraplan sheet flooring**
nora® systems, Inc.
Salem, NH 03079
800-332-NORA
www.nora.com/us

**09 67 00 – Fluid-Applied Flooring**

250a. Seamless floors and base
**Cheminert K flooring**
Dex-O-Tex
Division of Crossfield Products Corp.
Roselle Park, NJ 07204
908-245-2800
www.dexotex.com

250b. Seamless floors and base

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Seamless flooring systems
Dur-A-Flex, Inc.
East Hartford, CT 06108
877-2 51-5418
www.dur-a-flex.com

250c. Seamless floors and base
Sika Corp.; Sikafloor – no top edge trim at integral base
Sika Corporation
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
800-933-7452
www.sikafloorusa.com

09 68 16 – Sheet Carpeting

255. Carpet
Mohawk Group GL 182 Exotic Fauna Sheet Carpet with Unibond Plus Bloc backing
Mohawk Group
Calhoun, GA 30701
800-554-6637
www.Mohawkgroup.com

09 77 00 – Special Wall Surfacing

270a. Wall padding
Gold Medal Safety Padding®
Marathon Engineering Corporation
Lehigh Acres, FL 33913
239-303-7378
goldmedalsafetypadding.com

270b. Wall padding
Surface padding systems
Padded Surfaces by B&E
Indianapolis, IN 46241
888-243-8788
paddedsurfaces.com

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272. Seclusion room wall and floor material

*Lonfloor Plain – smooth*
Lonseal, Inc.
Carson, CA 90745
800-832-7111
www.lonseal.com

### 09 96 13 – Abrasion Resistant Coatings

280. Wall finish (do not use on floors)

*Sto; Decocoat®*
Sto Americas
Building 1400, Suite 120
Atlanta, GA 30331
800-221-2397
www.stocorp.com

### 10 12 00 – Display Cases

290a. TV enclosure – suicide-resistant

*TE450 Ligature-Resistant Protective TV Enclosure*
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

290b. TV Enclosure – suicide resistant

*Protective Enclosures, FPE55F(H)-S*
Peerless A-V
Aurora, IL 60502
800-865-2112
www.perlessmounts.com

290c. TV enclosure – suicide-resistant

*Ligature-resistant TV enclosure*
ProEnc
Jersey City, NJ 07302
862-234-5981
www.lcdtvenclosure.com

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10 26 16.16 – Protective Corridor Handrails

310a. Corridor handrail
   Acrovyn® ligature-resistant handrail with continuous aluminum mounting bracket
   Construction Specialties
   Muncy, PA 17756
   800-233-8493
   www.c-sgroup.com

10 26 23 – Protective Wall Covering

320a. Synthetic wall protection
   Avonite® Acrylic products - Wall Protection
   Avonite
   Belen, NM 87002
   800-4-AVONITE
   www.avonitesurfaces.com

320b. Synthetic wall protection
   Acrovyn by Design® Wall Protection
   Construction Specialties
   Muncy, PA 17756
   800-233-8493
   www.c-sgroup.com

320c. Synthetic wall protection
   Ricochet Flexible Wall Protection
   Inpro Corporation
   Muskego, WI 53150
   800-222-5556
   inprocorp.com
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337. Grab bar – vertical

**SP-3V Vertical Grab Bar**
Odd Ball Industries
Greenlawn, NY 11740
631-754-0400
www.oddballindustries.com

340. Paper towel dispenser

**Paper Towel Dispenser Cover #817-S45 SR™**
Weizel Security
800-308-3627
www.securinglehospitals.com

340b. Paper towel dispenser

**Paper Towel Dispenser # KG02**
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

340c. Paper Towel Dispenser

**Ligature - Resistant Paper Towel Dispenser #PH240**
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

341. Roll Paper Towel Dispenser

**Roll Paper Towel Dispenser #WH1848B**
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744
1-800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

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350a. Robe hook – break-away

Robe/Towel Hook # SP6
Odd Ball Industries Mfg. Co., Inc.
Greenlawn, NY 11740
1-631-754-0400
www.oddballindustries.com

350b. Robe hook – break-away

SafeSupport SR Collapsible Towel Hook # SR813-S08
Weizel Security
800-308-3627
www.securinhospitals.com

350d. Robe hook – break-away

Clothes Hook # NW 608
Northwest Specialty Hardware, Inc.
Clackamas, OR 97015
503-557-1881
www.northwestsh.com

350e. Robe hook – breakaway

Coat Hook # KG180
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

360a. Security Mirrors

Hybrid Safety Mirror in Guardian Frame
RAO Contract Sales, Inc.
392 Atwood Place
Wyckoff, NJ 07481
800-445-7065
www.rao.com

360b. Security Mirrors

ROVAL™ stainless steel mirror #20650-B
American Specialties, Inc.
Yonkers, NY 10701
914-476-9000
www.americanspecialties.com

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360c. Security Mirrors

**Security mirror #JOC-161**
McGrory Glass, Inc.
Paulsboro, NJ 08066
856-579-3200
www.mcgrory-glass.com

360d. Security Mirrors

**Sole - Illuminated Mirror for High Abuse Applications**
Visa Lighting
Milwaukee, WI 53209
800-788-84272
www.visalighting.com

361a. Mirror guard

**Mirror Guard # SP-8**
Odd Ball Industries
Greenlawn, NY 11740
631-754-0400
www.oddballindustries.com

370a. Recessed shelf

**Ligature-Resistant Recessed Shelf (front mount through flange) # RS780**
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

370b. Recessed Shelf

**Ligature-Resistant Recessed Shelf (front mount through flange) #KG12**
Kingsway Group USA
2807 Samoset Road, Suite 200
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

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390a. Soap Dish
*Bestcare Bathroom Accessory Solutions #WH1832-PF (front mount with plaster flange)*
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744
1-800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

390b. Soap dish
*Norix Group Inc.; Recessed Soap Dish (rear mount)*
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
1-800-234-4900
www.norix.com

391a. Soap dispenser
*KG08 Manual Soap Dispenser – Gojo Compatible*
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

391b. Soap dispenser
*ADX-12TM Security Enclosure*
GOJO Industries, Inc.
Akron, OH 44309
800-321-9647
www.gojo.com

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391c. Soap dispenser

**Suicide Prevention Soap Dispenser**
Norva Plastics, Inc.
Norfolk, VA 23508
800-826-0758
www.norvaplastics.com

391d. Soap dispenser

**Ligature Resistant Soap Dispenser #SD750**
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

400a. Toilet paper holder

**Toilet Roll Holder # KG13**
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

400b. Toilet paper holder

**Toilet Roll Holder #WH1847B Series (Recessed model (1845B) also available)**
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744
1-800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com
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434a. Exterior windows - ventilation

**Safevent Windows**
Britplas
Woolston, Warrington WA1 4RW
England
+44-1925-824317
www.britplas.com

434b. Exterior windows - ventilation

**Operable Security Window # SW-6300**
Sherwood Windows Group
Toronto, Ontario M9W 5E3
Canada
800-770-5256
www.sherwoodwindows.com

434c. Exterior windows - ventilation

**512 Ventrow Ventilator**
Kawneer North America
Norcross, GA 30092
770-449-5555
www.kawneer.com

### 12 21 33 – Roll-Down Blinds

440a. Roller blinds

**Webb Lok cordless roller shades**
Inpro
Muskego, WI 53150
800-222-5556
https://www.inprocorp.com/clickeze-privacy-systems/specialty-window-shades

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12 35 70 – Healthcare Case Work

460a. Cabinet pulls

*Cabinet Pull # DP74C*
Doug Mockett & Company, Inc.
Torrance, CA 90501
800-523-1269
www.mockett.com

460b. Cabinet pulls

*Zinc Handle – polished chrome finish #104.66.200*
Hafele America Co.
Archdale, NC 27263
800-423-3531
www.hafele.com/us/en

460c. Cabinet pulls

*Arc Cabinet Pull #DP18*
Doug Mockett & Company, Inc.
Torrance, CA 90501
800-523-1269
www.mockett.com

465a. Cabinet locks – keyless

*eLock®: Cabinet version #300 Series*
CompX Security Products
847-752-2500
www.compxelock.com

465b. Cabinet locks – keyless

*dialock*
Hafele America Co.
800-423-3531
www.hafele.com/us/en

465c. Cabinet locks – keyless

*eLock: Cabinet Version #100 Series*
CompX Security Products
Mauldin, SC 29662
864-297-6655
www.compxelock.com
470a. Tamper-resistant screws

**Socket Security & Torx Security**
Tamperproof Screw Company, Inc.
Hicksville, NY 11801
516-931-1616
www.tamperproof.com

470b. Tamper-resistant screws

**Security Pin Torx Screws and Bits**
Northwest Specialty Hardware, Inc.
Clackamas, OR 97015
503-557-1881
www.northwestsh.com

12 44 16 – Shower Doors

473a. Shower doors

**Wanford ShowerDoor**
Safehinge-Primera
UK
0330-058-0988
www.safehingeprimera.com

473b. Shower doors

**En-Suite Patient Bathroom Door w/ Shower Door**
*Option: #SHDUS02*
Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

473c. Shower doors

**Sentinel Event Reduction Shower Door**
Norva Plastics, Inc.
Norfolk, VA 23508
800-826-0758
www.norvaplastics.com

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473d. Shower doors

**Soft Suicide Prevention Door**

Kennon Products, Inc.
Sheridan, WY 82801
307-674-6498
www.suicideproofing.com

473e. Shower door hinge

**SwingHinge double action continuous hinge for SHOWER DOOR with surface cap and hinge cover plate # KG203**

Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com

473e. Shower door rubber fin

**Shower System Rubber Fin and mounting Section with top fixing bracket #SRF01**

Kingsway Group USA
Royal Oak, MI 48073
800-783-7980
www.kingswaygroupusa.com
12 46 23 – Decorative Crafts

475. Vinyl artwork
   **Soft Suicide Prevention Artwork (SSPA)**
   Kennon Products, Inc.
   Sheridan, WY 82801
   307-674-6498
   [www.suicideproofing.com](http://www.suicideproofing.com)

476a. Ligature-resistant frames
   **Solid surface frames**
   Custom Design Frameworks
   Mechanicsville, VA 23111
   804-476-4233
   [www.customdesignframeworks.com](http://www.customdesignframeworks.com)

476b. Ligature-resistant frames
   **AF550 Ligature-Resistant Art Frame**
   Behavioral Safety Products
   Watkinsville, GA 30677
   706-705-1500
   [www.besafepro.com](http://www.besafepro.com)

476c. Display boards
   **Tak-Les Bulletin Board with Guardian Frame**
   RAO Contract Sales, Inc.
   Paterson, NJ 07501
   800-445-7065
   [www.rao.com](http://www.rao.com)

12 52 70 – Healthcare Seating

479a. Stools
   **OFS Brands; Boost Ottoman**
   OFS Brands
   Huntingburg, IN 47542
   800-521-5381
   info@ofsbrands.com

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481b. Lightweight seating
**RazorBack Chair**
Cortech® USA
Willowbrook, IL 60527
800-571-0770
www.cortechusa.com

481c. Lightweight seating
**Stackable chair #5000-20 Modumaxx**
Moduform
Fitchburg, MA 01420
800-221-6638
www.moduform.com

481d. Lightweight seating
**Boden Series seating**
Pineapple Contracts, Inc.
Clawson, MI 48017
800-496-9324
www.pineapplecontracts.com

482a. Upholstered seating
**Sierra Series chairs with solid arms**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

482b. Upholstered seating
**Meridian Behavioral Health Seating – chair # ML30/27BH**
Nemschoff
Sheboygan, WI 53081
800-203-8916
www.nemschoff.com

482c. Upholstered seating
**Wink Series Chair**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com
482d. Upholstered seating

**Endurance Series**
Blockhouse Company, Inc.
York, PA 17406
800-346-1126
www.blockhouse.com

482e. Upholstered seating

**Dignity Series #4501M**
Spec Furniture Inc.
Toronto, Ontario M9W 5B1
Canada
888-761-7732
www.specfurniture.com

482f. Upholstered seating

**Carrara**
Kwalu
Atlanta, GA 30328
877-695-9258
www.kwalu.com

482g. Upholstered seating

**Arcadia Series**
Blockhouse Company, Inc.
York, PA 17406
800-346-1126
www.blockhouse.com

482h. Upholstered seating

**Sierra Series chairs with open arms**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

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483c. Rockers

*Endurance Series Rocker*

Blockhouse Company, Inc.
York, PA 17406
800-346-1126
www.blockhouse.com

484a. PVC molded seating

*Forté™ Lounge*

Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

484d. PVC molded seating

*Hondo® Nuevo*

Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

485a. Tables

*Jupiter Series Tables*

Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

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490d. Electrically adjustable hospital bed

Mental Health Electric Bed
Umano Medical, Inc.
G0R 2Co, Canada
1-844-409-4030
www.umanomedical.com

491a. Bedding

One Piece Comfort and Safety Linen
Harm Reduction Solutions
San Diego, CA 92117
858-500-2110
www.harmreductionsolutions.com

492a. Behavioral health mattresses

Comfort Shield® Remedy Sealed Seam Mattress
Nori Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

492b. Behavioral Health Mattresses

Victory Series Mattresses
Sizewise
Lenexa, KS 66215800-814-9389
www.sizewise.net

492c. Behavioral health mattresses

Behavioral Health Mattress with Bed Bug Protection & BioArmour™ Infection Control Composite Lamina Surface
American Innovation Products
Trinity, NC 27370
814-490-0660
www.americaninnovationproducts.com

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492d. Behavioral health mattresses

**Closed System™ Behavioral Health Mattress**

Comfortex®
Winona, MN 55987
800-445-4007
www.comfortexinc.com

493a. Platform bed

**Attenda Series Roto Cast Bed**

Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
www.norix.com

493d. Platform bed

**Behavioral Health Beds # BHBP/68 and BHHD/68**

Nemschoff
Sheboygan, WI 53081
800-203-8916
www.nemschoff.com

493e. Platform bed

**Pineapple; Sovie Bed 1SVFA-100**

Pineapple Contracts, Inc.
Clawson, MI 48017
800-496-9324
www.pineapplecontracts.com

493g. Platform bed

**Behavioral Health Bed™ - Platform**

Sizewise
Lenexa, KS 66215
800-814-9389
www.sizewise.com

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493h. Platform bed

**Frontier bed**
Stance Healthcare
Kitchener, ON N2C 0B8
877-395-2623
[www.stancehealthcare.com](http://www.stancehealthcare.com)

494a. Platform bed – lift-accessible

**Sleigh Bed**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
[www.norix.com](http://www.norix.com)

494b. Platform bed riser – lift-accessible

**Platform Bed Riser**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
[www.norix.com](http://www.norix.com)

495a. Patient room furniture

**VISTA Series**
Blockhouse Company, Inc.
York, PA 17406
800-346-1126
[www.blockhouse.com](http://www.blockhouse.com)

495b. Patient room furniture

**Safehouse Series**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
[www.norix.com](http://www.norix.com)

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495c. Patient room furniture
**Safe & Tough series**
This End Up® Furniture Company, Inc.
Sanford, NC 27331
800-605-2130
[www.thisendup.com/groupliving.com](http://www.thisendup.com/groupliving.com)

495d. Patient room furniture
**Endurance Series**
Cortech® USA
Willowbrook, IL 60527
800-571-0770
[www.cortechusa.com](http://www.cortechusa.com)

495e. Patient room furniture
**Attend Series**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
[www.norix.com](http://www.norix.com)

496a. Patient room cabinets
**Fortress Wardrobes**
Moduform
Fitchburg, MA 01420
800-221-6638
[www.moduform.com](http://www.moduform.com)

496b. Patient Room cabinets
**Frontier bedside cabinet – flip style**
Stance Healthcare
Kitchener, ON N2C 0B8
877-395-2623
[www.stancehealthcare.com](http://www.stancehealthcare.com)
496c. Patient Room cabinets

**CPAP Cabinet**
Blockhouse Company, Inc.
York, PA 17406
800-346-1126
[www.blockhouse.com]

497a. Restraint bed

**450 Series Seclusion Beds (restraint loops optional)**
Moduform
Fitchburg, MA 01420
800-221-6638
[www.moduform.com]

497b. Restraint bed

**Duraguard bed with side bars**
Glasspec Corporation
Miami, FL 33256-0116
800-328-0888
[www.glasspec.com]

498a. Removable Restraint Loops

**Attenda Restraint Rings (for use with Attenda beds)**
Norix Group, Inc.
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-234-4900
[www.norix.com]

498b. Removable Restraint Loops

**Restraint Adapter and Buckle System**
SydLo Design LLC
South Range, Wisconsin
218-310-4351
[SydLoDesignLLC.com]

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521a. Fire extinguisher cabinet
   **BestCare® Ligature-Resistant Recessed Fire Extinguisher Cabinet WH1704**
   Whitehall Manufacturing
   City of Industry, CA 91744-0527
   800-782-7706
   [www.whitehallmfg.com](http://www.whitehallmfg.com)

### 22 43 00 – Plumbing Fixtures

#### 22 43 13 – Healthcare Water Closets

531. Toilet fixture, ADA–floor-mounted, back outlet
   **Huron EverClean Flushometer Toilet with integral seat**
   American Standard
   Piscataway, NJ 08855
   800-488-8049
   [www.americanstandard-us.com](http://www.americanstandard-us.com)

533. Solid-surface toilet fixture
   **CWC-156 AST-FF Behavioral HealthCare Toilet**
   Intersan Manufacturing Company
   Phoenix, AZ 85007
   602-254-3101
   [www.intersan.us](http://www.intersan.us)

534a. Stainless steel toilet
   **ETW-1490 Series**
   Willoughby Industries
   Indianapolis, IN 46268
   800-428-4065
   [www.willoughby-ind.com](http://www.willoughby-ind.com)

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534b. Toilet fixture – stainless steel
**BestCare® Ligature-Resistant Toilet, Wall Supply, WH2142-W**
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

536. Bariatric toilet fixtures
**BET-1490 Series – Bariatric toilets**
Willoughby Industries
Indianapolis, IN 46268
800-428-4065
www.willoughby-ind.com

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**22 43 16 – Healthcare Sinks**

540a. Wall-Hung Corner Lavatories
**BestCare® Ligature-Resistant, ADA Compliant Corterra Cast Solid Surface Corner Basin; WH3776 Series**
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

541a. Wall-Hung Lavatories
**HSL1 SafeCare Ligature-Resistant Lavatory – stainless steel or high-impact polymer trap cover**
Bradley Corporation
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
800-272-3539
www.bradleycorp.com

542a. Vanity top lavatory
**Suicide Prevention Patient Sink Faucet**
Norva Plastics, Inc
Norfolk, VA 23508
800-826-0758
www.norvaplastics.com

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542b. Vanity top lavatory

**Avonite® Acrylic Solid Surfaces**
Avonite Surfaces
Florence, KY 41042
800-354-9858
[www.avonite.com](http://www.avonite.com)

545. Hand Washing

**Wallgate; Thrii (soap, water, drying)**
Intersan Manufacturing Company
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-254-3101
[www.intersan.us](http://www.intersan.us)

22 43 19 – Healthcare Bathtubs and Showers

550a. Shower head – ligature resistant

**SP-7 Shower Head**
Odd Ball Industries Mfg. Co., Inc.
Greenlawn, NY 11740
631-754-0400
[www.oddballindustries.com](http://www.oddballindustries.com)

550c. Shower head – ligature resistant

**Ligature-Resistant Shower Head – SH330**
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
[www.besafepro.com](http://www.besafepro.com)

552a. Shower Control Valve
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560a. Shower assembly
*BestCare® Flush-Mount Ligature-Resistant Security Shower WH1741-CSH*
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

560b. Shower assembly
*SR834-S35 SRTM Shower Panel*
Weizel Security
800-308-3627
www.securinghospitals.com

560c. Shower assembly
*Ligature-Resistant Shower Panel #SV710*
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

562. Shower assembly – recessed hand-held
*M0418-E508 in locking box*
Acorn Engineering
City of Industry, CA 91746
800-488-8999
www.acorneng.com

563a. Shower assembly – handicapped accessible
*Dual Quick Connect – Wall Mounted Shower Head with Integral Diverter #42020US*
Intersan Manufacturing Company
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-254-3101
www.intersan.us
563b. Shower assembly – handicapped accessible

Quick release hand held shower head; Model 40707
Intersan Manufacturing Company
Phoenix, AZ 85007
800-999-3101
www.intersanus.com

563c. Shower assembly – handicapped accessible

BestCare® Flush-Mount Ligature-Resistant Security Shower with Dual Heads WH1741-FH-CSH
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

22 43 23 – Shower Receptors and Basins

564a. Shower linear drain
ProLine drain with “dots” cover
QuickDrain USA
Frisco, CO 80443
866-998-6685
www.quickdrainusa.com

565a. Ligature Resistant Drain Cover
Crocodile Roll Resistant Floor Drain; 303070X
Intersan Manufacturing Company
Phoenix, AZ 85007
800-999-3101
www.intersanus.com

565b. Ligature Resistant Drain Cover
Tower Industries; Anti-Ligature Drain Cover – Model SDC-AL-1-S
Tower Industries
Massillon, OH 44647
330-837-2216
www.towershowers.com

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565c. Ligature Resistant Drain Cover

*BestCare® Ligature-Resistant Floor Drain Grate WHDG Series*

Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91746
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

565d. Ligature Resistant Drain Cover

*BestCare® Ligature-Resistant Linear Drain with Flashing Flange WHLD Series*

Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91746
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

566. One-piece patient toilet room floor

*UniFloor*

Bestbath®
Caldwell, ID 83605
800-727-9907
www.bestbath.com

567a. Shower floor basin

*The Swan Corporation, Swanstone Solid Surface Shower Floors*

The Swan Corporation
St. Louis, MO 63101
1-314-231-8148
www.theswancorp.com

567b. Shower floor basin

*Roll-in shower with front trench*

Watermark
Nashville, TN 37204
615-291-6111
www.watermarksolidssurface.com

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567c. Shower floor basin

_AquaSurf solid surface shower bases_
Willoughby Industries
Indianapolis, IN 46268
800-428-4065
www.willoughby-ind.com

568a. Pre-built bathrooms

_Pre-Built Bathrooms_
Eggrock, LLC
Littleton, MA 01460
978-952-8800
www.eggrock.com

568b. Pre-built bathrooms

_SurePods™_
Oldcastle®
Orlando, FL 32837
407-859-7034
https://oldcastlesurepods.com

22 43 39 – Healthcare Faucets

570a. Lavatory faucet

_Ligature-Resistant Metering Faucet – SF380_
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

570b. Lavatory faucet

_Suicide Prevention Patient Sink Faucet_
Norva Plastics, Inc
Norfolk, VA 23508
800-826-0758
www.norvaplastics.com

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570c. Lavatory faucet

**BestCare® Ligature-resistant, ADA-compliant faucet**

**3377 w/2 two pneumatic buttons**

Whiteall Manufacturing  
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527  
800-782-7706  
[www.whitehallmfg.com](http://www.whitehallmfg.com)

570d. Lavatory faucet

**BestCare® Ligature-resistant, ADA-compliant Sensor faucet #WH3375-SO**

Whitehall Manufacturing  
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527  
800-782-7706  
[www.whitehallmfg.com](http://www.whitehallmfg.com)

574. Lavatory with countertop valve

**Lavatory Valve**

Odd Ball Industries  
Greenlawn, NY 11740  
631-754-0400  
[www.oddballindustries.com](http://www.oddballindustries.com)

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22 43 43 – Plumbing Fixture Flushometers

580. Recessed flush valve

**Royal 611 & WB-1-A Easy Access Wall Box**

Sloan®  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
800-982-5839  
[www.sloan.com](http://www.sloan.com)

581a. Recessed flush valve

**Regal 955 Hydraulic Concealed Flushometer & WB-1-A Easy Access Wall Box**

Sloan®  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
800-982-5839  
[www.sloan.com](http://www.sloan.com)

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581b. Recessed flush valve

**CX Manual Flushometer (Recessed)**

Sloan®
Franklin Park, IL 60131
800-982-5839
www.sloan.com

581c. Recessed flush valve

**3-inch Push Button Assembly for Concealed Flush Valves – P6000-NL3**

Zurn Industries
Milwaukee, WI 53204
855-663-9876
www.zurn.com

585a. Flush valve cover

**HSC79 SafeCare Ligature-Resistant Flush Valve Cover**

Bradley Corporation
W142N9101 Fountain Boulevard Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
800-272-3539
www.bradleycorp.com

585b. Flush valve cover

**FV500 (2 piece) & FV600 (1 piece) Ligature Resistant Flush Valve Cover**

Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

585c. Flush valve cover

**831-S39 SRTM Flush Valve Cover**

Weizel Security
Coquitlam, BC, Canada V3K 6V5
800-308-3627
www.securinghospitals.com

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585d. Flush valve cover

*Ligature-Resistant Box with Flush Valve WH2802 – for various toilet or urinal*

Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527
800-782-7706
www.whitehallmfg.com

588. Recessed bedpan washer

*Recessed Bedpan Washer*

Willoughby Industries
Indianapolis, IN 46268
800-428-4065
www.willoughby-ind.com

22 47 00 – Water Station Water Coolers

589a. Drinking water cup filling stations

*B103-C2-HR Water Bottle Filling Station Cup Dispenser and Disposal with security features*

Filtrine Manufacturing Company
Keene, NH 03431
800-930-3367
www.filtrine.com

589b. Drinking water cup filling stations

*Quench 755 Countertop Filtered Water Cooler with UV*

Quench
King of Prussia, PA 19406
888-877-0561
www.quenchonline.com

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589c. Drinking water cup filling stations

**Pushbutton Ligature-Resistant Cup Filler – WHBF3**
Whitehall Manufacturing
City of Industry, CA 91744-0527
800-782-7706
[www.whitehallmfg.com](http://www.whitehallmfg.com)

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22 60 00 – Gas and Vacuum Systems

590a. Medical gas covers

**Security Patient Console**
Hospital Systems, Inc.
Pittsburg, CA 94565
925-427-7800
[www.hsiheadwalls.com](http://www.hsiheadwalls.com)

590b. Medical gas covers

**Recessed Security Console**
Modular Services Company
Oklahoma City, OK 73114
800-687-0938

590c. Medical gas covers

**Security Headwalls w/ 3/8” polycarbonate locked cover bottom hinge**
Modular Services Company
Oklahoma City, OK 73114
800-687-0938
[www.modularservices.com](http://www.modularservices.com)
[www.filtrine.com](http://www.filtrine.com)

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23 00 00 – Heating, Ventilating, A/C

23 37 13 – Diffusers, Registers and Grilles

600a. Air grille - “S” vane
   Security Grille – “S” vane # RSPA41
   Carnes® Company
   Verona, WI 53593
   608-845-6411
   www.carnes.com

600c. Air grille - “S” vane
   V-Vent High Security Grille #814-R17 SRTM
   Weizel Security
   800-308-3627
   www.securinghospitals.com

600d. Air grille - “S” vane
   Maximum Security Ceiling Diffuser # SSV432
   Anemostat® Air Distribution
   Carson, CA. 90745
   310-835-7500
   www.anemostat.com

602a. Air grille – max security
   Extra Heavy Duty Grille with Removable Steel Perforated
   Face Plate # RRMX
   Anemostat® Air Distribution
   Carson, CA. 90745
   310-835-7500
   www.anemostat.com

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602b. Air grille – max security
Maximum Security Suicide Deterrent Grille, steel with 3/16-inch holes # SG-SD
Titus
Plano, TX 75074
972-212-4800
www.titus-hvac.com

603a. Air grilles - Perforated
Security Grille – Perforated # RSPA51
Carnes® Company
Verona, WI 53593
608-845-6411
www.carnes.com

603b. Air grilles - Perforated
Security Grille – supply or return # SEG-4P3
Kees Incorporated
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020-0327
920-876-3391
www.kees.com

603c. Air grilles - Perforated
Ligature-Resistant Exhaust/Supply Grille #EG450
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

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606a. Fan coil enclosures

**Fan Coil Covers - Security**
ARSCO Manufacturing Company
Cincinnati, OH 45248
800-543-7040
www.arscomfg.com

609b. Air grilles - Perforated

**Ligature-Resistant PTAC Cover #TA460**
Behavioral Safety Products
Watkinsville, GA 30677
706-705-1500
www.besafepro.com

607a. Room Temperature Sensor – tamper-resistant

**Flush-Mount Thermistor; KTP Series Stainless Steel**
Kele, Inc.
Bartlett, TN 38133
877-826-9045
www.kele.com

607b. Room Temperature Sensor – tamper-resistant

**Flush-Mount Room Temperature Sensor #540-520**
Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.
1000 Deerfield Parkway
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
www.siemens.com

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26 27 26 – Electrical Devices

610a. Hospital-grade receptacles
   Hospital Grade Tamper-Resistant GFCI Receptacles
   Hubbell Incorporated
   Shelton, CT 06484
   800-288-6000
   www.hubbell-wiring.com

610b. Hospital-grade receptacles
   Hospital Grade Tamper-Resistant GFCI Receptacles
   Cooper Industries
   Houston, TX 77210-4446
   713-209-8400
   www.cooperindustries.com

611a. Key-operated electric switches
   Pass & Seymour Locking Keyed Switch
   Legrand North America, LLC
   http://www.legrand.us/passandseymour.aspx

611b. Key-operated electric switches
   Leviton 1221-2KL Key Locking Extra Heavy Duty Switch
   Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.
   www.leviton.com

612a. Polycarbonate electrical coverplates
   Tiger Plates
   Cortech® USA
   Willowbrook, IL 60527
   800-571-0700
   www.cortechusa.com

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26 51 00 – Interior Lighting

620a. Light fixture
*NASL-RND LED 2’ diameter w/ flat polycarbonate lens* Day-O-Lite
Warwick, RI 02888
401-467-8232
www.dayolite.com

620b. Individual reading light
*Symmetry tamper-resistant light fixture*
Visa Lighting
Milwaukee, WI 53209
www.visalighting.com

620c. Light fixture
*Fino® ceiling mount and wall mount light fixtures*
Amerlux®, LLC
Oakland, NJ 07436
973-882-5010
www.amerlux.com

620d. Light fixture
*Mighty Mac TW Series TUNABLE Color SSA Slope Sided Surface Mount or RMCD Recessed Mount vandal resistant light fixtures*
Kenall®
Kenosha, WI 53144
800-453-6255
www.kenall.com

620e. Light fixture
*Fail-Safe SGI recessed, sealed, and gasketed with polycarbonate lens*
Eaton’s Cooper Lighting
Peachtree City, GA 30269
770-486-4800
www.cooperindustries.com

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620f. Light fixture

*818-R13 SRTM Recessed Ceiling Lighting with polycarbonate lens*

Weizel Security
800-308-3627
www.securinghospitals.com

620g. Light fixture

*Serenity Series*

Visa Lighting
Milwaukee, WI 53209
800-788-8472
www.visalighting.com

620h. Light fixture

*Ligature and Vandal-Resistant 6” LED downlight #MRV-0685*

Kirlin Company
Detroit, MI 48207
313-259-6400
www.kirlinlighting.com

620j. Light fixture

*Sonar 12 SPC12 Vandal Resistant wall mount fixture*

Luminaire Lighting Corporation
P. O. Box 2162
Edison, NJ 08818
732-549-0056
www.luminairelighting.com

620k. Light fixture

*Shat-R-Shield - Ironclad VR Pro surface mounted vandal-resistant fixture #494F12*

Grainger
Lake Forest, IL 60045
800-472-4643
www.grainger.com

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620l. Light fixture
  **Vandal Resistant round wall/ceiling mount fixture**
  **Anyx-13, ARV-13**
  Luminaire Lighting Corporation
  Edison, NJ 08818
  732-549-0056
  [www.luminairelighting.com](http://www.luminairelighting.com)

620m. Light fixture
  **Kenall MedMaster MedSlot Series**
  Kenall®
  Kenosha, WI 53144
  800-453-6255
  [www.kenall.com](http://www.kenall.com)

620n. Light fixture
  **Fail-Safe FW WaveStream Wall LED Luminaire**
  Eaton Lighting
  770-486-4800
  [www.eaton.com/lighting](http://www.eaton.com/lighting)

624. Individual reading light
  **Visa Lighting; Gig with BH1 mounting bracket & polycarbonate lens**
  Visa Lighting
  Milwaukee, WI 53209
  800-788-8472
  [www.visalighting.com](http://www.visalighting.com)

630. Downlight cover
  **Recesso Lights**
  Recesso Lighting by Dolan Designs
  Kirkland, WA 98034
  877-357-6127
  [http://recessolighting.com](http://recessolighting.com)

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637. Exterior lighting

*Exterior Vandal Resistant Lighting*
The Kirlin Company
Detroit, MI 48207
313-259-6400
www.kirlinlighting.com

639a. Night-light

*LNT-03092 Night Light*
The Kirlin Company
Detroit, MI 48207
313-259-6400
www.kirlinlighting.com

639b. Night-light

*CM-25500 PathMaster Step Light*
Phillipd Lighting North America Corp.
(Chloride)
Somerset, NJ 08873
855-486-2216
www.lightingproducts.phillips.com

26 53 00 – Exit Signs

640a. Exit signs, LED – vandal-resistant

*Commercial Exit Signs SC Series – Cast Aluminum LED with lens and tamperproof hardware*
Philips Lighting North America Corporation (Chloride)
Somerset, NJ 08873
855-486-2216
www.lightingproducts.philips.com

640b. Exit signs, lighted – vandal-resistant

*Mighty Mac MMEX Surface, Wall, or Ceiling Mount Single/Double Face* full-length mounting canopy
Kenall®
Kenosha, WI 53144
800-453-6255
www.kenall.com

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642. Exit signs - photoluminescent

**EX424246-100G Ecoglo® Photoluminescent Exit Sign**
Access Products Inc.
Buffalo, NY 14203
888-679-4022
www.us.ecoglo.com

26 55 53 – Security Lighting

643. Covers

**Norva Plastics – Life/Fire Safety Lexan Covers**
Norva Plastics, Inc
Norfolk, VA 23508
800-826-0758
www.norvaplastics.com

27 00 00 – Communications

27 32 13 – Telephone Sets

645a. Stainless steel wall phones

**GB306V-14 Vandal-Resistant Telephone with 14” armored cord**
Allen Tel Products, Inc.
Henderson, NV 89014
702-855-5700
www.allentel.com

645b. Stainless steel wall phones

**SSW-321-X Ceeco Stainless Steel Wall Phone**
TWAcomm.com
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
877-389-0000
www.twacomm.com

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645c. Stainless steel wall phones
   **JP3500 ArmoredCourtesy Phone**
   G-Tel Enterprises, Inc.
   Houston, TX 77084
   800-884-4835
   [www.payphone.com](http://www.payphone.com)

27 52 23 – Nurse Call/Code Blue Systems

650a. Wireless duress alarm
   **INSTANTalarm® 5000**
   Pinpoint®, Inc.
   Birmingham, AL 35209
   205-414-7541
   [www.pinpointinc.com](http://www.pinpointinc.com)

650f. Wireless duress alarm
   **B3000n Communication Badge**
   Vocera®
   San Jose, CA 95126
   888-986-2372
   [www.vocera.com](http://www.vocera.com)

653. Nurse call system – vandal-resistant
   **HSS401 Responder Health Care Communications System High Security Staff Duty Station**
   Rauland-Borg Corporation
   Mount Prospect, IL 60056
   800-752-7725
   [www.rauland.com](http://www.rauland.com)

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654. Pushbutton switch – vandal-resistant

**PV1-PV8 Anti-Vandal Switches**
Lamb Industries
Minneapolis, MN 55428
800-867-2717
http://www.e-switch.com/

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28 00 00 – Electronic Safety and Security

28 40 00 – Electronic Monitoring and Control

660. Metal Detectors

**Metrasens; Proscreen 200**
Metrasens
Lisle, IL 60532
630-541-6509
http://www.metasens.com/

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32 00 00 – Exterior Improvements

32 31 13 – Security Fencing

675a. Security fencing

**Mini-Mesh chain-link fencing**
Fence Factory
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
800-613-3623
www.fencefactory.com

675b. Security fencing

**WireWall® High Security Fencing - Maximum Security**
Riverdale Mills Corporation
Northbridge, MA 01534
800-762-6374
www.riverdale.com

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675c. Security fencing

**Steel fence systems**

METALCO Fence & Railing Systems, Inc.
Las Vegas, NV 89102
800-708-2526
fence-system.com

675d. Security fencing

**Fortress Fencing**

Britplas
Woolston
Warrington, Cheshire, England WA1 4RW
+44(01)-1925-824317
www.britplas.com

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