

Requirement

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BHC: The organization conducts an environmental risk assessment that identifies features in the physical environment that could be used to attempt suicide; the organization takes necessary action to minimize the risk(s) (for example, removal of anchor points, door hinges, and hooks that can be used for hanging).

Note: Noninpatient behavioral health care settings and unlocked inpatient units do not need to be ligature resistant. The expectation for these settings is to conduct a risk assessment to identify potential environmental hazards to individuals served, identify individuals who are at high risk for suicide, and take action to safeguard these

Rationale

The health care environment, inclu9 (n)-1-lrrnvarrrueaiocvnrlltmeea2-2s.8 (io)2 (c(r)-8.3 (e)

Reference*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. "Suicide Care in Systems Framework." Waltham, MA: SAMHSA, Suicide Prevention Resource Center, Clinical Care