

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Subject: HANDLING OF INTOXICATED VISITORS

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PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for the handling of individuals (non-patient) who may be under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Medical Center that all employees shall report immediately to the LACO Sheriff's Department Rancho Station, any person(s) who is believed to be under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances. Possession of alcoholic beverages on County grounds is against the law pursuant to Los Angeles County Ordinance 7134 and Business and Professions Code Section 25620.

A person's use of a non-prescribed drug, over-the-counter medication or illicit psychoactive substance, including alcohol, coupled with the objective symptoms clearly visible showing a person to be under the influence of such medication, drugs or alcohol, which places the person at grave risk for unpredictable and/or behavioral reactions which may endanger the well-being of the person, patients and/or Rancho staff will not be tolerated.

PROCEDURES:

1. All employees shall report to LACO Sheriff's Department Rancho Station (extension 7042) the location, description, and name (if known) of person(s) believed or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances.
2. Upon notifying the Sheriff's Department, the reporting person should be ready to provide the following information to the Dispatcher:
 - a. Individual's description - sex, height, weight, hair, eyes, and clothing
 - b. Extent of impairment (if known)
 - c. Last known location or direction of travel

The Dispatcher will then dispatch a Deputy.

3. After contacting the individual(s), the Deputy will be able to determine, through his/her investigation/observations, if the individual(s) is under the influence of alcohol and/or an illegal substance.
4. If, at the conclusion of the investigation, the Deputy forms the opinion that the person is under the influence of alcohol or an illegal substance and/or is unable to care for his/her own wellbeing or

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the wellbeing of others (pursuant to 647 (f) P.C., or 11550 H&S), the Deputy has the following options available to them:

- a. Arrest the person for the violation;
- b. Take the person to Detoxification;
- c. Escort the person off grounds, if the person is able to care for him/her self;
- d. Contact a responsible person to care for the individual.