

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: IMMEDIATE THREAT TO LIFE INTERVENTION

POLICY: The Chief Executive Officer, Administrator on Duty, Nurse Administrator, and Safety Officer are authorized to initiate action to evacuate patients, employees and any visitors from any area of Olive View-UCLA Medical Center in which a hazardous condition exists and presents an immediate threat to life or health.

This authority also includes the authorization to stop the operation of equipment or machinery and to lock off buildings, or portions of buildings, where conditions threaten damage to equipment or buildings.

PURPOSE: To delineate the authority to intervene whenever conditions pose an immediate threat or health or threaten damage to equipment or buildings.

DEPARTMENTS: All.

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: In the absence of the Chief Executive Officer and Administrator on Duty, the Nurse Administrator is authorized to intervene when there is a threat to life or health or threaten damage to equipment or buildings from hazardous conditions. Such conditions include, but not limited to, fire, damages from earthquake, and hazardous vapor and gas spill.

The Safety Officer is authorized to intervene without further administrative approval on the basis of his professional knowledge and judgment. This authority should be very carefully exercised, and its use should follow the principle of only being used when time and urgency do not permit normal administrative channel approvals. Intervention taken by the Safety Officer should be reported by phone to the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Medical Officer, and the Nurse Administrator as soon as possible after initiating action. A written report should be submitted within twenty-four hours of incident.

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