

WANDERING RESIDENT, CARE OF

PURPOSE:

To protect the wandering resident from injury.

PROCEDURE:

1. Always explain the reasons and procedures to the resident.
2. Continuously reorient the resident to their own room and belongings.
3. Encourage group activities and attempt to keep occupied.
4. Monitor the resident's location with visual checks at least every two hours.
5. Put familiar items in the resident's room to assist them in identifying room.
6. Monitor the appetite and eating, as the wandering resident has the tendency to forget to eat.
7. In the event that the staff is unable to locate the resident, follow the procedure for missing residents.