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| Abbreviated Question (as it will appear on search results page) | Does anyone consider bed and chair alarms a restraint |
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| Keyword(s) Check 1 or 2. Required for website archiving | * Policy/Procedure Practice  Program Info  Committee Structure info  Role   Students  Model/Structure  Care Delivery  Collaboration  Pt. Safety  Regulation/Legislation  Quality/Outcome/Indicator  PP Culture/Leadership  Other: |

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| George Fieber RN  Nursing Practice Leader  Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre  Office: (807) 684-6691  Cell   : (807) 629-0889 | Hi,  We don't consider the bed and chair alarms as restraints. |  |
| Amanda Mathur **BScPhm. PharmD. RPh**  SAH Collaborative Practice Specialist  Sault Area Hospital | 750 Great Northern Road | Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 0A8  Phone: 705.759.3434 x5535 |  Email [Mathura@sah.on.ca](https://outlook.wdmh.on.ca/owa/redir.aspx?C=YkGdKkZaw7Dx4sVfHX2YM6W7nLtOUzlAjJ6mGIJccmIfkXZKuFvYCA..&URL=mailto%3aMathura%40sah.on.ca) | We consider these to be safety devices but still require consent for use and are ordered in the EMR.  Safety devices: A safety device is distinguished from an emergency restraint by its non-emergency use. It requires consent by the patient or the substitute decision maker (SDM).  A safety device is a product that assists a person with routine activity of daily living for health-related purposes with the intention of keeping the person safe, and is within the patient’s control to remove it. Examples may include, but not limited to: bed alarm/chair alarm, seat belts, helmet and geri-chairs with tray unfastened and patient can remove. | [restraint policy July 21 2020 with track changes.docx](restraint%20policy%20July%2021%202020%20with%20track%20changes.docx) |
| K. Shannon Burke, RN, MN, GNC(C)  Clinical Nurse Specialist, West Park Healthcare Centre  T: 416-243-3600 ext.4530 Pager: 416 370 9527  Email: [shannon.burke@westpark.org](https://outlook.wdmh.on.ca/owa/redir.aspx?C=WwBrb3_tPSeHLATU9M3DGE4gOiAdibCBNtGqZslBlt188_9CuVvYCA..&URL=mailto%3ashannon.burke%40westpark.org)  82 Buttonwood Ave., Toronto, ON M6M 2J5 | As per Least Restraints policy at West Park, bed and chair alarms are considered as an alternative to a restraint for patients at risk of falls |  |
| Susan Murphy RN BScN CPMHN( C )  Practice Specialist  Mental Health Program  Behavioral Supports Transition Unit  Quinte Health Care  265 Dundas St E.  Belleville, ON  Office: 613 969 7400 ext 2111  Email: [smurphy@qhc.on.ca](https://outlook.wdmh.on.ca/owa/redir.aspx?C=-9zu-cSyAa0gwDixgEaFGvv_IUUwN2J2nThIyGcLkpgoC2nruVvYCA..&URL=mailto%3asmurphy%40qhc.on.ca) | We consider bed alarms and wheelchair alarms as alternatives to restraint. We are not restricting their freedom of movement- the purpose is to alert the nurse so that assistance to mobilize can be offered. We document this as an alternative to restraint use. |  |
| Rebecca Morris  Alexandra Hospital | We’ve had multiple discussions on this topic, so I’ll be interested in seeing others’ replies. I’ve attached our restraints policy here. In my opinion, chair alarms and bed alarms are environmental restraints, as the patient can leave, just an alarm goes off, however our policy isn’t specific. Our practice (and our policy does state this) that no consent/order is required, but the patient still needs to be monitored the same as with any other restraints, and that the alarm needs to be tested each shift to ensure it’s working properly.  Hope this helps, | <Restraints_20200723085452011.pdf> |
| Kelly Verhoeve RN BScN  Manager Professional Development  Professional Practice Facilitator & Accreditation Coordinator  Woodstock Hospital  310 Juliana Dr.  Woodstock Ontario  N4V0A4  519-421-4233 Ext 2481 | Our alarms are included in the attached restraint policy | [Restraints, Use of 2020 (New Template).pdf](Restraints,%20Use%20of%202020%20(New%20Template).pdf) |

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