

# RD&I Psychiatric Emergency Guideline

This document is for RD&I research delivery staff only. It is a guideline only, and should not take the place of good clinical judgement. If at any point a patient or visitor is thought to be in immediate and real danger please contact hospital security as a matter of urgency.

If the patient leaves the Trust and you feel they are at risk of real harm please consider contacting 999.

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- Patient identified as having signs of psychiatric emergency
- If patient felt to be at immediate risk of real harm contact security urgently; otherwise move on to step 2

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- Staff escalate issues immediately to study Principal Investigator (PI) or study Psychologist (if applicable). If PI unavailable, escalate to senior nurse in charge.
- If patient felt to be at immediate risk of real harm contact security urgently; otherwise move on to step 3.

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- If patient felt to be at risk contact Liaison Psychiatry for advice and support (37499)
- If patient felt to be at immediate risk of real harm contact security urgently.