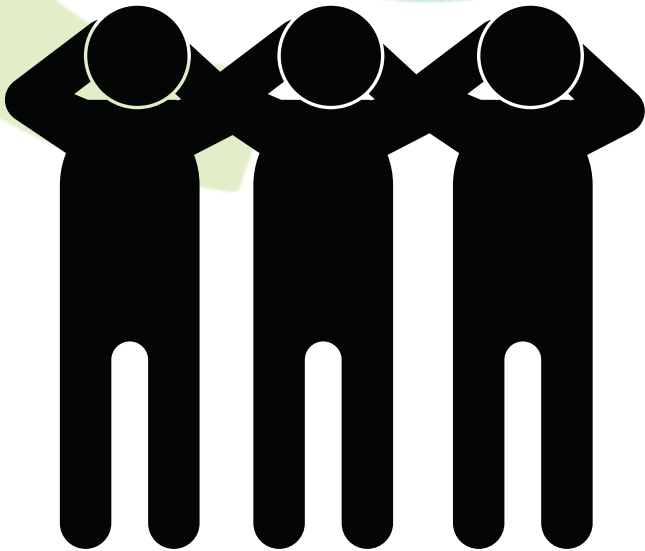


CODE PURPLE



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Code Purple is to alert personnel to an incident where a patient/resident/client, a member of staff, or anyone is being held against their will by another individual; there may be a threat of violence with a weapon.

WHAT DO I DO?

If you are held against your will:

- If able, call for HELP or activate site specific response (e.g. panic buttons/duress alarms)
- Remain calm. If spoken to, speak in a calm voice and use simple/plain language.
- Do not be aggressive or use threatening body language Consider escape opportunities carefully.
- As a supporting staff member: Call 911 and Protective Services (if on site) and provide as much detail as possible
- Prevent others from entering the area. Move everyone in the immediate vicinity to a safer area; if moving is not advisable, take shelter behind secured doors.
- All unaffected areas / departments: Close and secure doors if possible Ask visitors to remain in your work area until the 'All Clear' is announced

