

Wyoming State Hospital Visitor Guidelines

At the Wyoming State Hospital, we are committed to the physical safety and emotional well-being of our patients, employees, and visitors. The Wyoming State Hospital takes a zero-tolerance position to violence in the workplace.

We strive to ensure patients and visitors have a pleasant experience, in a quiet, safe and therapeutic environment. Please understand that visitation will occur under supervision of a staff member. Staff members are doing a job. Refrain from engaging them in socialization or asking them personal questions.

Please limit physical contact. If physical contact becomes excessive, staff members may use their discretion to end the visit.

The Wyoming State Hospital considers the following items to be prohibited: tobacco (including e-cigarettes) and alcohol products, illicit drugs or narcotics, and weapons of any kind (knives, guns, ammunition, etc.). Staff, patients and visitors will not bring prohibited items on campus.

Visitors who have symptoms of a cold or infectious disease or who have recently been exposed to a communicable disease are asked to postpone visiting until symptoms subside.

Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied and supervised *at all times* and in the presence of, an adult other than the patient. Children may not be left unattended. Children may not be allowed in certain areas of the facility.

When visiting a hospital employee, please see the communication center staff. The communication center staff will notify employees to meet any guests in the hospital lobby, schedule permitting.

All visitors must provide valid photo identification when visiting the hospital.

Visitors may bring patients gifts. Please understand they will be opened with staff. These gifts may not be allowed in the patient areas. In that case, they will be stored for the patient to have upon discharge.

Visitors may only bring manufactured, packaged and sealed food items for patients. Any other food will NOT be permitted, including foods purchased from restaurants. Food should not be shared with other patients.

Pets will be allowed on a case by case basis. They must be approved in advance by the risk management team, and must be in good health, with all immunizations current. Pets must remain on a leash during the visit.

Any visitor in violation of these guidelines may be dismissed from the hospital premises. Law enforcement will be notified of violent acts against patients, staff and visitors.

Visitation may be denied based on safety and/or therapeutic needs of patients. The visit may be a non-contact visit for safety reasons.

Please respect the privacy of other patients. Only visit with who you came to visit.

Photos or videos are strictly prohibited of any patient, including those you are visiting on Wyoming State Hospital Grounds.