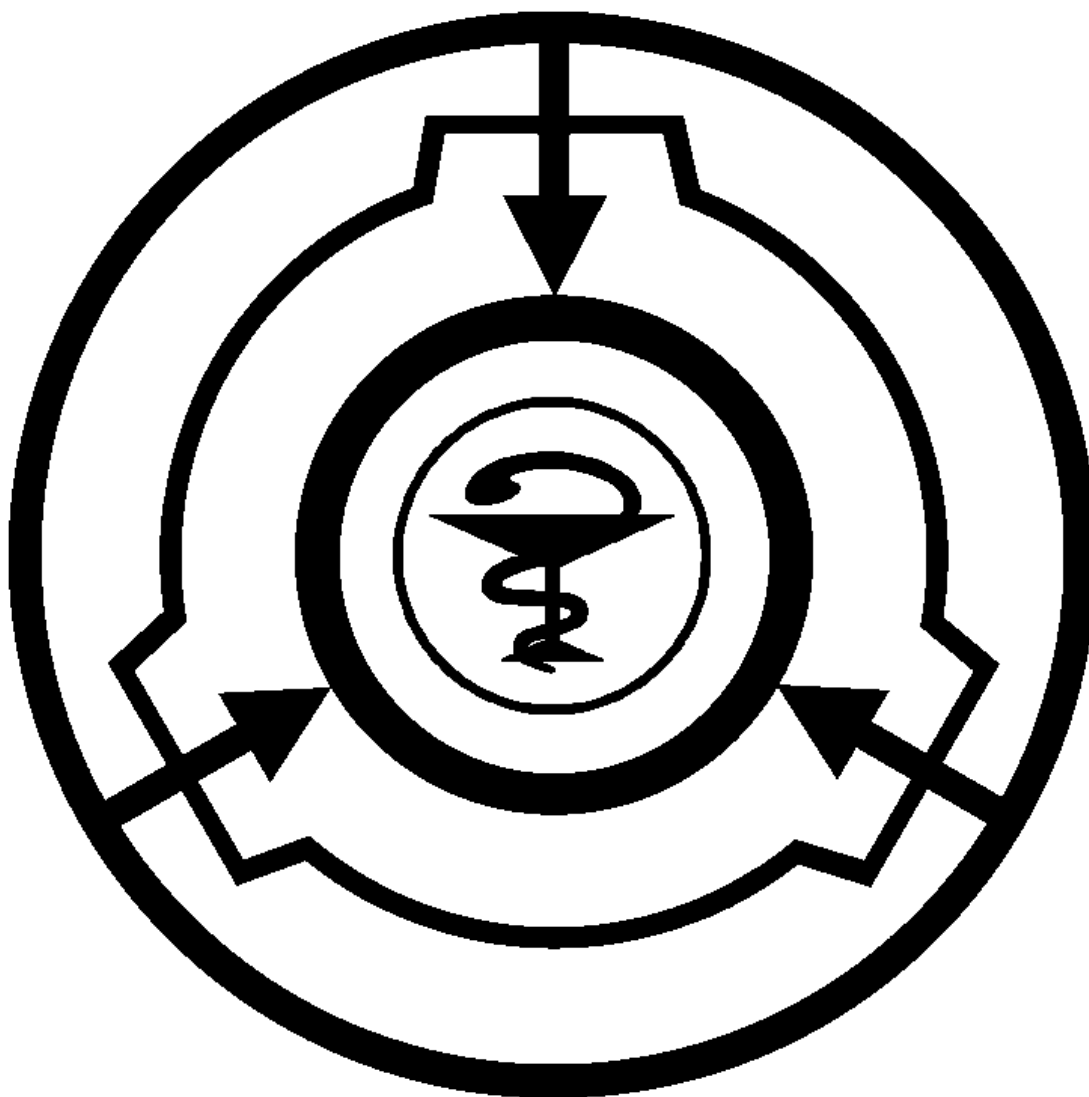


Psychiatric Holding Guidelines



Department of Medicine

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Terminology

Psychiatric Holding - The temporary detention and involuntary hospitalization of individuals with mental health issues who are deemed to be a danger to themselves or others.

Emergency Detention or ED - The immediate and temporary detention of an individual with a mental health crisis for evaluation and treatment in situations where there is an imminent risk of harm to himself or others.

Sectioning - The process of detaining an individual under the Mental Health Act when they are deemed to need urgent assessment and treatment for their mental health.

Voluntary Admission: When an individual willingly seeks and agrees to undergo psychiatric treatment and care within the Medical Department.

Sectioning Authorization

Director of Medicine Authorization:

The Director of Medicine is authorized to approve the involuntary commitment of Senior C14 Personnel and below.

Medical Consultant Authorization:

Medical Consultants are authorized to approve the involuntary commitment of Junior C14 Personnel and below.

Possible Sectioning Reasons

- Subject have suicidal thoughts or actions.
- Subject's behavior hurts themselves or other personnel.
- Subject is incapable of performing their duties.
- Severe hallucinations or schizophrenia episodes.
- Informed refusal from medical treatment whilst sick.

These are not all, but the main reasons for the Psychiatric Holding. There are many more that are not included in this Handbook. Medical Leadership can perform Sectioning on their will if they suspect that Mental Health problems are the reason for someone's behavior.

Sectioning Process

To perform sectioning you are to get an armed escort of either of 2 Internal Affairs Agents or 2 Internal Security Department members.

Approach the individual and explain to them the reason for detainment, after that, request them to follow you to the medical area. In the event of refusal, your armed escort will be required to detain the individual and ensure their forceful transfer to the designated medical holding cell.

Legal information

As psychiatric holding involves the curtailment of an individual's freedom, it is a process subject to legal appeal. The patient holds the right to contest the doctor's decision in a court of law, where a judge will scrutinize statements, potential witnesses, and evidence. This legal process unfolds within the confines of the medical department walls to uphold patient privacy and maintain the controlled environment of the facility. If the patient is deemed to be mentally ill he will have no right to file a lawsuit, instead their legal representative will have to do it for them.

A crucial aspect of psychiatric holding is the psychiatric evaluation, which must be conducted either prior to or during the holding period. The absence of such evaluations could lead to allegations of malpractice and an abuse of power on the part of the doctor responsible. The severity of the consequences will correlate with the gravity of the situation. In certain instances, the doctor may face legal action resulting in the revocation of their medical license or their Medical Leadership Position.

The patient is to be only held for 30 minutes unless they have given their consent via /LOOC text for a longer period of time.

All holdings have to be logged on the assigned form.

These legal safeguards ensure transparency, accountability, and the protection of both patient rights and the integrity of medical practice within the Medical Department.

These guidelines have received authorization from a member of the site command, the director of medicine, and a medical consultant specializing in Psychiatry. Their individual signatures are provided below.

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