

STEADIER GROUND FIELD CARD

Wandering or Elopement Risk

TRY SAYING

- "Where are you headed? Let's walk this way."
- "I need your help with something first."
- "She's not in her room. Starting the count now."

AVOID SAYING

- "You can't leave." No redirect, no help.
- Waiting to see if they turn up before searching.

THE FIRST MINUTE

1. Start the count immediately, don't wait.
2. Check bathroom and day room first.
3. Redirect with a task, not a command.
4. Know your unit's protocol before you need it.

Search and security protocol: set by your hospital, not this page.

Every minute before the search starts: is a minute the search has to cover later.

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