



UPDATE:

Code Amber (EMER-80)

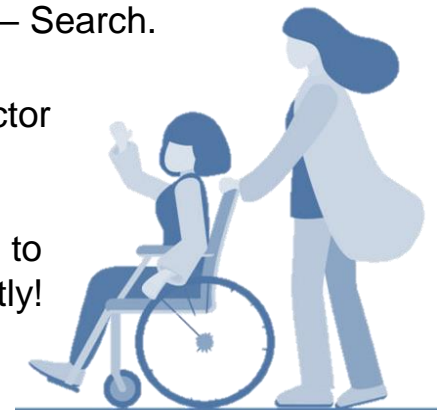
Code Amber – Search is initiated to locate a missing infant/child (age 15 or under) following an initial search of the unit/area the infant/child was last seen or if an abduction is suspected. Police are notified and all exit points are secured/monitored by designated departments. Anyone attempting to exit is redirected to the Hospital's Main Entrance or Emergency Department Waiting Room Entrance.

What's new?

- Maximum time of 10 minutes to complete a preliminary dept/area search prior to activating a Hospital-wide Code Amber – Search.
- **Use eObservation to report area search results** versus previous process of notification to Admitting.
- Expanded definitions section now includes After Hours & Regular Hours, Guardian, and Sister Unit.
- External buildings response edited to match other recent policy updates.
- Updated response algorithm.

Process Reminders:

- All departments are required to maintain up-to-date Code Amber sub-plans.
- At any time staff receive information that suggests an actual or potential infant/child abduction, activate a Code Amber – Search.
- Call Switchboard (55) to activate and provide as much information as possible about the infant/child and abductor (if applicable).
- Complete the Missing Infant/Child Profile and/or Suspected Abductor Profile (see EMER-80 Appendix 2) to ensure information is communicated quickly and correctly!
- Escort guardian(s) to the Information Desk for reunification.



For patients who are 16 years or older and missing from within the Hospital or observed wandering on/nearby Hospital grounds, please refer to Code Yellow - Missing or Wandering Patient (EMER-70).

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Updated Response Algorithm

REMINDER Code Amber Check

is initiated to support the identification of a wandering child (age 15 or younger) found in the Hospital or on Hospital grounds.



★ **NEW: Use eObservation to report your area search results asap!**

Code Yellow - Search Process Map

