

BULLET PROOF CHECKLIST FOR PATIENT SAFETY

A

GENERAL SAFETY

Ensure suction is working

- Check all suction canisters have intact tubing from wall to canister
- Ensure suction is functional (both continuous and intermittent)
- Ensure suction tubing and Yankauer are present
- Obtain additional suction canisters as needed

Ensure oxygen is readily available

- Check that all oxygen outlets have positive flow
- Check for presence of "Christmas Trees" (nipple nut adapter) on oxygen outlet
- Ensure oxygen delivery system is present and appropriate for the patient
- Ensure BVM is available per facility protocol (in room, or shared between rooms)

Ensure patient-specific safety equipment is present*

- Chest tubes - two hemostats, occlusive dressing, sterile water*
- Tracheostomy - suction, spare tube one size smaller and obturator at bedside*
- Wired jaws - scissors capable of cutting metal wires*
- Seizure risk - padded side rails, suction, oxygen*

Miscellaneous but still important

- Location of code-blue button
- Location and function of CPR lever on bed
- How to remove headboard for emergent intubation or central line insertion
- Tidy up room, get rid of clutter, remove unnecessary supplies

B

IV SAFETY

- Trace all meds from the bag to pump to the patient
- Ensure all connections are secure
- Label lines at the Y-site
- Confirm IV compatibility
- Ensure critical meds won't run dry

C

FALL SAFETY

- Set bed alarm as needed
- Bed in low position
- Call light within reach
- Bed table within reach
- Urinal within reach
- Assess for patient needs and let them know when you'll return