

7. To prevent falls, staff should:
- A. assess patients at risk for falls and document
 - B. place bed in lowest position with wheels locked on beds and wheelchairs
 - C. call bell should be within reach
 - D. food tray accessible and within reach
 - E. assistive devices near: glasses, walkers, etc
 - F. safe clean environment
 - G. make sure floors are clean and dry
 - H. all the above
8. Patients and family should be given a patient handbook, and falls prevention discussed and documented.
 Everyone should know what role he or she plays in preventing falls.
- A. True B. False
9. An on the job injury, not a variance, is filled out when an employee falls.
- A. True B. False
10. Keeping the room free of clutter can greatly reduce falls for patients, visitors, and staff.
- A. True B. False

Gait Belt Competency Check Off
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	Met	Not Met
1. Patient identified as a risk for falls, and the falls program (leaf, bracelet, etc) implemented		
2. Explain use of gait belt to patient		
3. Position patient in a sitting position		
4. Apply belt snugly to patient's waist; you should be able to get entire hand inside the belt		
5. After patient is standing, use the belt to stabilize and use entire hand when assisting		
6. If the patient begins to fall, pull the patient close to your body		
7. Slowly lower the patient to the floor using the belt.		

Observer / Title _____ **Date** _____