

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

INFANT ABDUCTION POLICY

Purpose: To provide an appropriate response if an infant is abducted from the Hospital, WCC/ACC, and Feist-Weiller Cancer Center.

Policy: Should an infant be abducted the following procedures shall be followed:

I. Nursing Service

1. Will immediately notify the University Police Department (53873) if an infant is missing from the unit.
2. If an abduction was observed they will provide UPD with a description of the person seen taking the baby and the direction in which they are headed
3. Will interview staff, visitors, patients to see if they had noted any suspicious behavior leading up to the time of the abduction.
4. Director of unit or House Manager (if after hours, weekend, etc) will inform the mother of the abduction and provide support and comfort to infant's family and serve as the liaison between family and hospital.

II. University Police

1. Radio operator, upon notification of the abduction, will radio and alert all officers and notify the Switchboard of the abduction.
2. UPD will proceed to seal off all building exits and a search of the hospital and ground will be initiated immediately.

III. Switchboard

1. Upon notification of an infant abduction by UPD the Switchboard will page, "Code Pink."
2. Notify the following if the abduction occurs after hours:
 - a. Administrator on call

- b. Information Services
- c. Safety Office

IV. Other Areas of the Hospital

1. Upon hearing the "Code Pink" every department, unit, etc., under the direction of their supervisor will assign several individuals to observe the public areas of their work area/unit, including corridors, stairwells, bathrooms, etc. If a suspicious individual is seen they will immediately notify UPD of the description of the individual and the direction they are headed. If possible, the employee should follow the person. If the person gets into a car the license number should be taken.

IV. ACC/WCC and Feist-Weiller Cancer Center

1. Upon notification of an infant abduction, the building paging system will be used by staff to page, "Code Pink." Upon hearing the "Code Pink" every section, unit, etc., under the direction of their supervisor will assign several individuals to observe the public areas of their work area/unit, including corridors, stairwells, bathrooms, etc. If a suspicious individual is seen they will immediately notify UPD of the description of the individual and the direction they are headed. If possible, the employee should follow the person. If the person gets into a car the license number should be taken.