FIRE AND SMOKE CONTAINMENT - MOBILE RADIOGRAPHIC UNITS

Purpose:
To provide procedures to follow in order to minimize risks to patients, visitors and employees should a mobile/portable radiographic unit fire occur.

Policy:
1. Turn the unit off.
2. Remove the unit from the patient’s room if possible.
3. Move the unit to an unoccupied room, if possible.
4. If you are unable to remove the unit from the patient’s room: remove the patient and close the door.
5. Have someone notify University Police at 5-6165.
6. Have someone close the doors to all patients’ rooms in the area.
7. The mobile unit will not flame up.
8. The smoke is usually from the insulation on the wires that are burning off.
9. Do not put a wet blanket or throw water on the unit as this may cause electrocution.

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