

## Dementia - Problem Wandering

### Identified hazard:

There is a need to monitor the movement of the resident at all times of day and night as that person could get lost or wander somewhere inappropriate.  
 Inappropriate training may lead to physical restraint and injury to resident.



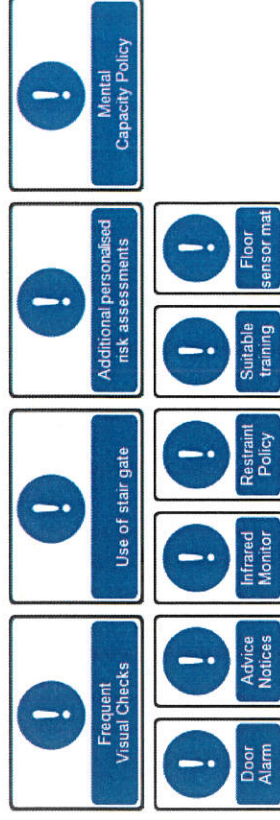
### Who is at risk?

Resident

### How is the risk controlled?

The family will always be consulted about the issue.  
 The risks are increasing due to an increasing number of residents developing dementia within a building that is not secure.  
 In this large building, residents are not easily observed and are exposed to hazards in the form of open staircases and unlocked final access doors.

The following control measures have been identified and can be put in place depending on the extent of the problem:  
 Care staff at night take their breaks in communal rooms nearest to the resident at risk so that they are able to observe if that person leaves there room.  
 The frequency of checks at night is increased so that the resident's whereabouts are more closely monitored.  
 Advice notices will be placed on the resident's door which will contain specific reminders to that person about their behaviour.  
 A door alarm can also be fitted that, when armed, will sound if the door is opened. This will then alert nearby staff to monitor the resident.  
 An infrared bedside monitor (Fall Savers) could be set up to activate a nurse call unit should movement be detected.



The calculated risk factor for this task/operation is **15** (Probability: 5 x Severity: 3)

This is classed as a **MEDIUM** risk

### Additional Measures:

Further Measures	Person Responsible	Date For Completion
Further staff training	Karen Williams	31/10/2015

### Review Date

11/06/2016

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