



## FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFE MOBILITY – FALL PREVENTION

Your child's safety is very important to us. Getting up and moving around is important to your child's health. But weakness, taking certain medicines and being in a new place may make a fall more likely. We want you to feel at home but there are some differences you should consider:

- Children under three years old are safer in a hospital crib, even if they do not use a crib at home.
- Medical equipment, like IV pumps, may limit your child's movement. Please don't let your child "ride" the IV pole.
- Use lap belts in wheelchairs, carriages or strollers if provided and keep bedrails up.
- Be with your child when walking with medical equipment attached or when your child is getting up for the first time after surgery.
- If you or your child are sleepy, please place your child back in bed.

To keep your child safe, we may:

- Use special lift equipment and alarms and will explain their use.
- Use a yellow sign and bracelet to alert all caregivers if a child is at risk for a fall
- Ask that you:
  - Follow our instructions about getting your child in and out of bed
  - Let us know if you see any hazards like liquid spills, clutter or uneven walkways.
  - Let us know if your child is unusually unsteady.

Thank you for being our partner in patient safety. Speak up if you have questions or concerns.