



Below are guidelines for when it is generally appropriate to use the EPIC Flag denoting a violent or potentially violent patient. The violent or potentially violent flag can be added by nursing and providers with EPIC access with direct patient interaction.

The flag should be added when:

- A patient verbally threatens or assaults an employee/visitor
- A patient physically assaults an employee/visitor
- A workplace violence SafetyZone is submitted related to patient/visitor behaviors

The flag should be removed when:

- Any precipitating factors have changed (no longer under anesthesia/altered mental status resolved)
- Physician/Nurse team determines the flag is not appropriate/relevant to this visit (no procedure/ anesthesia anticipated, patient no longer in detox)
- It has been 3 years since initial event, per policy

If patient continues behaviors identified in behavioral agreement, further action, up to and including patient termination may occur

The Direct Leader & Security Leadership will evaluate a behavior agreement for patients/visitors identified as a risk for escalation or continued combative behaviors**

**System-Wide Behavioral agreement still in development