



Banding Together for YOUR Safety

We ask that you...

- Remove any community (charity or fashion) wrist bands so that it is not misinterpreted by Hospital staff.



- Only wear the wrist band applied by your nursing staff.
- Tell a nurse if a band falls off during your stay.

Thank you for helping us
enhance the patient experience
at Kewanee Hospital
by partnering with us
in your safety.



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Statewide Patient Safety Initiatives

Illinois hospitals are working collaboratively on projects directly related to improving patient safety. The standardization of color-coded alert wrist bands in all Illinois hospitals is one project that directly impacts and improves the safety of patients in healthcare facilities.

What is a Color-Coded Alert Wrist Band?

Alert wrist bands are used in hospitals to quickly communicate medical conditions that a patient may have. Certain colors and words are used to designate certain medical conditions.

Color-coded alert wrist bands are used to help hospital staff quickly and easily identify certain medical conditions, which can ultimately help staff provide the best possible care to patients, even in the event that a staff member does not know the patient directly.



Involving Patient & Family Members

It is important that both patients and their family members know the meaning of these colors because they are the best source of information.

Keep Us Informed

Please make Hospital staff aware of information that is important to the health of the patient. If a patient has allergies to medications or has a tendency to lose their balance, share this information with Hospital staff as soon as possible.

If you or a family member who is a patient has an Advance Directive, please tell Hospital staff immediately and provide necessary documentation of this directive. An Advance Directive alerts Hospital staff to the kind of care a patient would like to receive in the event of a cardiac arrest.



Kewanee Hospital would like to respect these wishes, especially in the event of an emergency.

What Do the Different Colors Mean?

Allergy

Red bracelets identify a patient who has an allergy to anything, especially medications.

It is very important to let Hospital staff know as soon as possible if you or your loved one have an allergy of any sort.

DNR

Some patients have expressed an end-of-life wish that they would like honored in the event of a cardiac arrest. These patients will receive purple wrist bands.

Fall Risk

We would like to prevent falls at all times. Some patients need help to move or walk, especially those patients who have become weakened by their illness.

When a patient is wearing a yellow wrist band, it is alerting Hospital staff that a patient needs assistance when walking or getting up from a sitting position because they are at risk for a fall.

