

River Valley Therapeutic Residence Policy and Procedure		
Violence Risk Assessment and Prevention		
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POLICY

The River Valley Therapeutic Residence (RVTR) identifies that individuals admitted to the facility are no longer in an acute phase of their presentation however, RVTR understands that there remains a potential for residents to pose a risk of harm to others.

RVTR shall utilize a frequent and dynamic process for the assessment and management of risk of harm to others that balances the individual's need for autonomy and the need to protect others from violence. Assessment of the risk of other-directed violence shall be initiated for all residents upon admission and continued throughout their stay. RVTR will continually improve its violence risk assessment and interventions to prevent violence.

PROCEDURE


The Broset Violence Checklist (BVC) is an evidence-based tool used at RVTR to predict the likelihood of an acute episode(s) of other-directed violence among residents within the following 24-hours. The BVC aims to improve risk identification and prediction, to standardize how clinical staff at RVTR quantify and articulate risk, to stimulate early risk-mitigation interventions, and to ultimately prevent and reduce the frequency and severity of other-directed violence.

Assessment and Prevention

All residents shall be assessed using the BVC once per shift. Scores on the BVC shall be communicated to all direct care staff and other members of the resident's treatment teams. Information obtained from the BVC may inform decision making about the creation and implementation of interventions to reduce and eliminate the occurrence of violence. Interventions generated as a result of BVC data shall be integrated into resident's treatment plans.

Staff Training

Nurses and Recovery Counselors shall receive education and training in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the BVC and shall demonstrate competency to using the instrument.

Approved by	Signature	Date
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