What should I do if a patient identified as cognitively impaired is missing?
- Contact the Charge Nurse or supervisor and conduct quick search (no more than 5 minutes).

When do I contact the Department of Public Safety (DPS)?
- If the patient is not found, the Charge Nurse or supervisor will contact Dispatch at 503.494.4444 and inform them that a cognitively impaired patient is missing.
  - Include any available details about the patient’s appearance, clothing, behavior, location last seen, whether they are on a hold or otherwise involuntary, and other information that might aid in the search.
- Dispatch will send an officer to the unit to coordinate a more extensive search.
- Notify Dispatch if the patient is found.

Who can authorize a Code Walker activation?
- DPS will inform Dispatch of the need for Code Walker activation, as appropriate.

What do I do when I hear a Code Walker has been broadcast?
- Be on alert for the patient matching the description.
- Relay any additional information to the Charge Nurse, supervisor, DPS officer, Administrator on Duty (AOD) or designee.
- Notify Dispatch at 503.494.4444 with information or if the patient is found.

Where can I get more information about Code Walker?
- For additional questions, please contact the DPS non-emergency phone number at 503-494-7744.