

The following chart represents the meaning of each color-coded band:

Band Color	Communicates
Red	Allergy
Yellow	Fall Risk
Green	Latex Allergy
Purple	DNR
Pink	Restricted Extremity

**banding together
for patient safety**



**Standardizing
Colored
Wrist Bands
To Support
Patient Safety**

**The Color of Safety
Task Force**

We are one of the Pennsylvania hospitals who have chosen to participate in a patient safety initiative which is aimed at reducing the risks associated with the use of colored wristbands.

Highlights of the Pennsylvania Safety Authority Advisory encourage healthcare facilities to:

- Standardize the meaning of colored wrist bands through coordination among PA healthcare facilities.
- Limit the number and colors used to avoid confusion for the many healthcare providers working in multiple facilities.
- Print instructions on wristbands to reinforce the message conveyed by the particular color

A color coded wristband has been applied to your arm to warn the hospital staff of a specific medical intervention you require:

We ask that you...

- Remove any “Charity” colored wristbands so that it is not misinterpreted by the medical staff.
- Only wear the wristband applied by your nursing staff.
- Tell a nurse if a band falls off during your stay.