

Latex Allergies

Highlights	Policy Statement
Non-latex Gloves	Our facility will take steps to aid in the prevention of latex allergies, including providing staff with non-latex gloves and prohibiting latex balloons.
Prohibition of Latex Balloons	Policy Interpretation and Implementation
Mylar Balloons	1. To aid in the prevention of latex allergies, non-latex gloves will be provided for employees who have an allergy to latex.
Removal of Latex Balloons from Floral/Gift Arrangements	2. To aid in the prevention of latex allergies, latex balloons will not be permitted in the building.
Storage of Latex Balloons	3. Mylar balloons will be permitted in the facility and may be retained in resident rooms.
Destroying Latex Balloons	4. Should a visitor/family member, florists, etc., bring latex balloons into the building via floral arrangements, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., the Nurse Supervisor/Charge Nurse must remove the latex balloon from such arrangements before allowing delivery to the resident's room.
Informing Resident of Latex Balloon Policy	5. Latex balloons must be maintained in a storage area at the nurses' station or near the front entrance. Visitors may pick up balloons upon leaving the facility.
Latex Balloon Inquiries	6. Environmental Services will destroy latex balloons left at the facility on a daily basis.
	7. Residents will be informed upon admission of our latex balloon policy. Signs are posted throughout the facility indicating that latex balloons are prohibited.
	8. Inquiries concerning latex balloons should be referred to the Administrator or Director of Nursing Services.