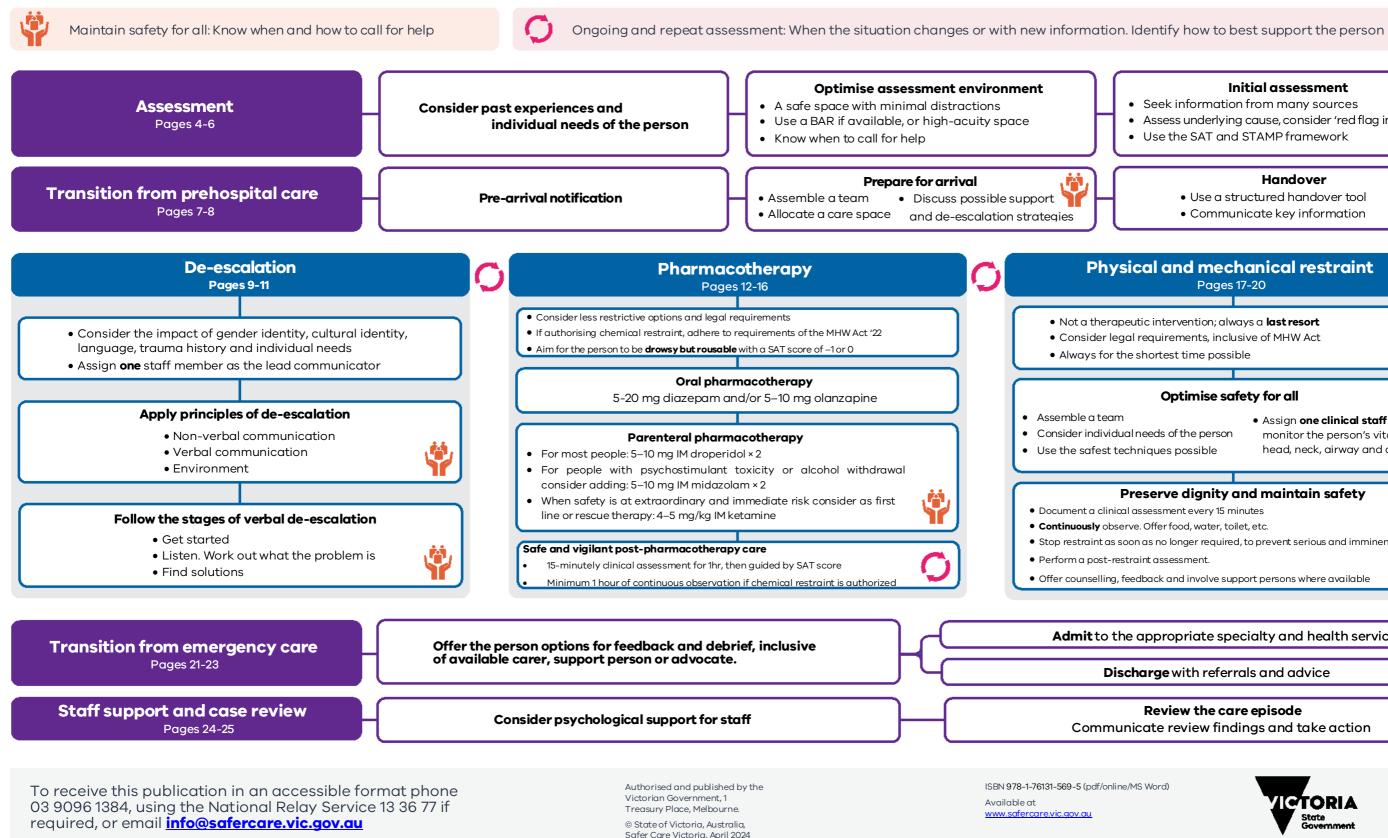


Caring for people displaying acute behavioural disturbance in emergency settings

A3 visual summary to be used with Safer Care Victoria's clinical guidance Caring for people displaying acute behavioural disturbance (ABD)



Initial assessment

• Seek information from many sources • Assess underlying cause, consider 'red flag indicators' • Use the SAT and STAMP framework

Handover

- Use a structured handover tool
- Communicate key information

Physical and mechanical restraint Pages 17-20

- Not a therapeutic intervention; always a **last resort**
- Consider legal requirements, inclusive of MHW Act

Optimise safety for all

- Assign one clinical staff member to monitor the person's vital signs, head, neck, airway and chest

Preserve dignity and maintain safety

- Stop restraint as soon as no longer required, to prevent serious and imminent harm
- Offer counselling, feedback and involve support persons where available

Admit to the appropriate specialty and health service

Discharge with referrals and advice

Review the care episode

Communicate review findings and take action

