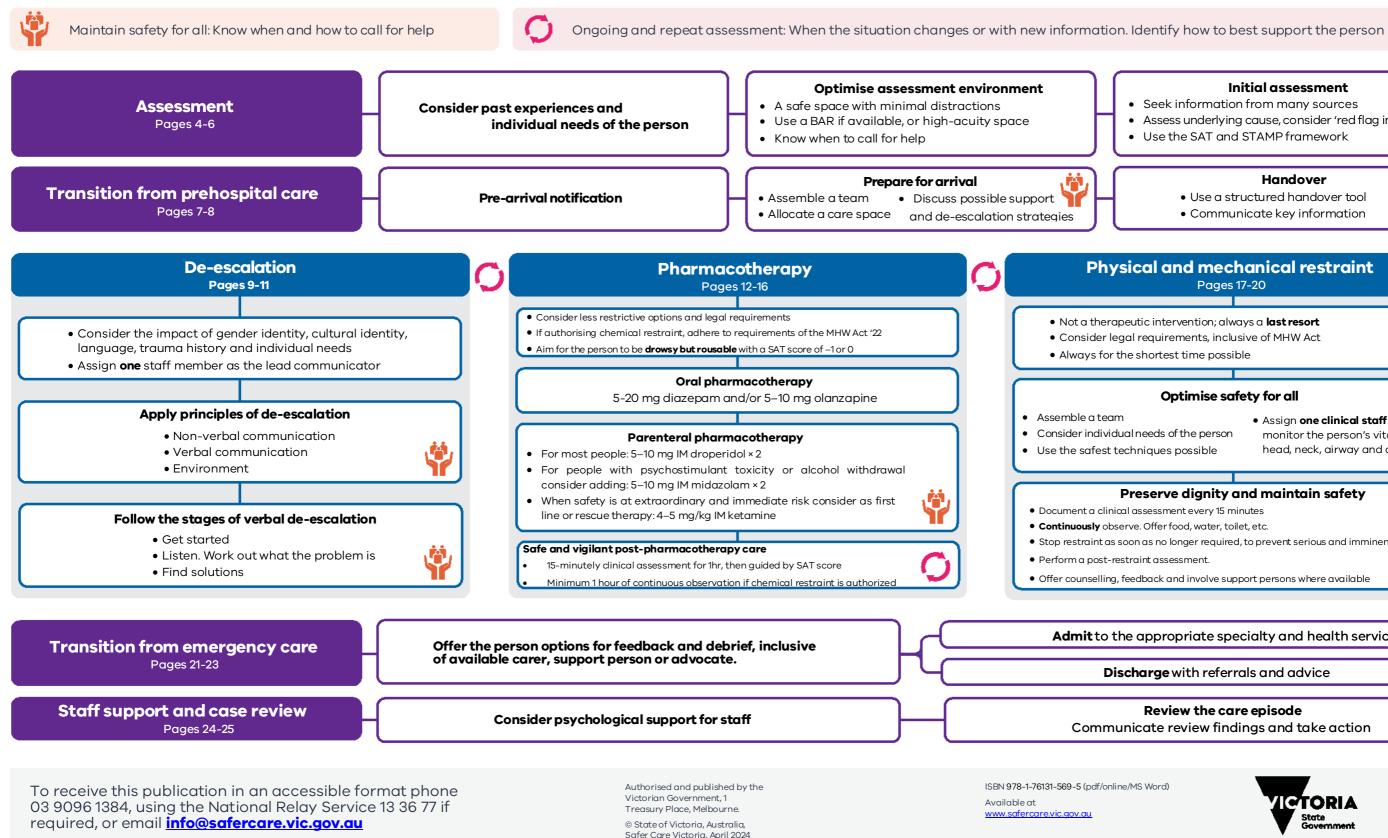


# Caring for people displaying acute behavioural disturbance in emergency settings

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

