

Items that are restricted

These items can be brought in by you but may be restricted if the treatment team are concerned for your safety or the safety of others around you.

Cords, or cord-like materials

- Dressing gown sashes
- Shoelaces
- Long bag straps
- Any other clothes with cords

Some personal items

- Tweezers and nail files
- Some jewellery and necklaces
- Nail polish

Any questions?

Please see your nurse or the Nurse Unit Manager for any further information regarding items of risk and providing a safe environment.

If you wish to provide feedback to The Melbourne Clinic either speak with one of our clinical staff or complete the Consumer Feedback Form available at the nurses station or at reception.



Providing a safe environment

Information on items that should not be brought in to The Melbourne Clinic



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 **The Melbourne Clinic**
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A safe environment for all

The Melbourne Clinic aims to provide a safe environment for all patients, visitors and staff.

To achieve this certain items are regarded as items of risk in that they are potentially harmful to either you or other people.

These items are categorised as prohibited, controlled or restricted.

The following lists of prohibited, controlled and restricted items are not exhaustive. Your access to items may change during your admission at the discretion of staff and assessment of risk.

We suggest you bring in a short corded recharging device and blue tooth ear phones.

Bed and belongings checks

On admission and in your presence nursing staff will conduct a property check of your belongings.

At any time during your admission, if there is a concern for your safety, a property and room search may be conducted by the nursing staff, in your presence.

When you return from leave, nursing staff will ask to check your bags for any items of risk you may inadvertently have brought with you.

Sometimes these checks will keep you waiting and we thank you for your patience and for understanding the importance of maintaining a safe environment dependent on the potential risk to you or others.

Alcohol, drugs and medicines

The Melbourne Clinic requires patients and visitors not to bring alcohol, illicit substances or non-prescribed medications into the hospital.

- All prescribed medicines should be given to nursing staff
- The hospital does rely on the honesty and integrity of patients, families and carers
- Any breaches of this directive may result in patient discharge and notification to Victoria Police.

Items that are prohibited

The following items can present a risk either to you or to other people. We request you do not bring them with you. They will be removed and stored securely until your discharge.

Sharp objects

- Knives of any kind
- Razor Blades
- Wire

Appliances

- Hair straighteners, curling wands or hair clippers
- Electric blankets
- Personal irons
- Fans, heaters
- Lights or lamps

Glass

- Mirrors
- Photo frames
- Glass bottles, jars and cups
- Vases

Substances

- Alcohol
- Illicit/ illegal drugs and paraphernalia
- Non-prescribed medications

Other items

- Plastic bags
- Oil burners or candles,
- Vapourisers/ e-cigarettes
- Wire coat hangers
- Hot water bottles, heat packs of any kind
- Helium balloons
- Tools
- Aerosols
- Coat hangers
- Vapourisers and ecigarettes

Items that are controlled

These items can be temporarily used by you but will be stored securely by staff when not in use.

- Disposable razors
- Scissors
- Any cords over 30cm - chargers, ear phones etc.
- Hair dryer
- Electric Shaver
- Washing powder
- Nail polish remover
- Perfume Bottles
- Musical Instruments
- Art and craft materials