

Will your loved one always have a purple dot?

- Residents are re-assessed after one month and then every three months
- If behaviours are no longer present, the purple dot is removed

Are people going to treat your loved one differently because of this?

Only in a good way. It is our goal to provide the best possible care for all residents and part of that includes knowing each person's unique needs so we can tailor the plan of care. This will help us be safe and aware while meeting your loved one's needs.

Have Questions?

Speak to a Nurse or Manager

Concerned About Quality of Care?

Interior Health Patient Care Quality Office

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Interior Health
Every person matters

Keeping Everyone Safe



The Purple Dot Process

Aggressive Alert Information for Residents and their Families

*Keeping Each Other Safe...
It's Everyone's Business*

Why might your loved one need a purple dot?

We are required by Health and Safety legislation to:

- Identify residents who may be aggressive or show responsive behaviours
- Assess and communicate the level of risk
- Share the safest ways to help your loved one

What are responsive behaviours?

- When a person with dementia responds to something frustrating, frightening, confusing or negative around them
- This may include swearing, yelling, grabbing, pushing, hitting etc

“It’s not by choice, it’s by disease.”
~Teepa Snow
Dementia Education Specialist

How do we decide who gets a purple dot?

- If aggressive or responsive behaviours are present, a purple dot is used
- The Care Team makes the decision

How do we share the safest way to help your loved one?

- We include you and your loved one as part of the Care Team
- We learn what might trigger behaviours such as loud noises, poor lighting and feeling rushed
- We share what works to calm your loved one with all the people who care for and support them

What do we share?

- Staff will ONLY share the best way to approach the resident that will keep everyone safe
 - e.g. *“call her Sally and stand on her left side”*
- No medical or other personal information will be shared

Where might you see a purple dot?

- By the door to their bedroom
- On a wheelchair name tag
- On a purple wristband for residents who can walk

What should you do if you see a purple dot?

- Ask staff for more information before getting too close