



Individual entering facilities as an investigative journalist filming, citing First Amendment rights

Recently, an individual has been entering South Carolina hospitals with a camera as an investigative journalist claiming he has a First Amendment right to film in the facility. Self-Regional Medical Center in the Upstate encountered this in their facility. The person warned he may be going to other facilities. During the encounters, live streaming on social media occurs with many followers.

As a health care organization, our goal is to protect the privacy of our patients, team members and visitors at all times. No one is allowed to film without proper authorization, regardless of what reason they give. Things team members should be aware of related to filming in Prisma Health facilities:

- Although Prisma Health provides care to the community, its facilities are private property.
- Sidewalks on the exterior of the campuses are considered public property. That varies on every campus.
- All filming or photography inside the building requires prior approval by Marketing & Communications.
- If you encounter a person filming, remain calm because you may be filmed.
- Ask the person to stop filming because of patient privacy.
- Do not debate the individual.
- Inform the person that all filming has to have prior authorization.
- Let them know that you will contact Security Services to assist them.
- Calmly call Security Services who will send an officer to assist you.

Thank you for your assistance in protecting patient privacy.