

# Responsibilities of Soldier Escorts

1. General. Procedures for Soldier supervision for those referred to Adult Behavioral Health (ABH). This document outlines unit and escort responsibilities.
2. Command Responsibility. The command should search the Soldier for weapons or paraphernalia prior to the escort taking responsibility for the Soldier.
3. Definition. Escorts supervise those Soldiers who may be a threat to themselves or others.
4. Soldier Escort Qualifications.
  - a. The Soldier's unit should provide an escort who is an NCO of equal or higher rank of the Soldier they escort. The escort must be able to drive the Soldier to the appropriate clinic or hospital.
  - b. An escort should not watch more than one Soldier at a time. We highly recommend that the escort be the same sex of the observed Soldier.
5. Soldier Escort Responsibilities.
  - a. Escorts must monitor the Soldier's whereabouts at all times, i.e., trips to the latrine and smoke breaks. In the event that a Soldier attempts to leave ABH without authorization, the clinic staff will make no attempt to physically restrain the Soldier. However, ABH or the escort will take the initiative to call the unit and the Military Police if indicated.
  - b. Escorts will check with ABH personnel before leaving the area. The escort is required (and should be prepared) to remain at ABH until the Soldier's appointment is concluded.
    - a. If the mental health provider recommends hospitalization, the unit escort, or other command representative, will stay with the Soldier until the receiving facility has taken responsibility for him/her. Unfortunately, this could take many hours. The escort will be responsible for securing necessary documentation to deliver to command and/or other medical personnel.