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## ID badges part of more security measures at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center

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MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WMBF) - Now when anyone comes through the doors at the Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, they have to stop and get a badge with their picture on it as part of tighter security efforts at the hospital.

An average of more than 900 people walk through the hospital doors each day, which can be a security concern. Spokesperson Joan Carroza says the hospital is now more prepared to handle these concerns.

The new system will "make sure that people here at the hospital have a reason to be here," Carroza said. "They're either visiting a department, an individual, a patient, an employee, but they have a reason to be here."

Everyone who visits the hospital should now make sure they have their government issued I.D. in hand, and be prepared to "say cheese" and the reason for their visit. The new system then saves the picture and a copy of the I.D. for the database.

It takes extra time, but visitors WMBF News talked to say it's worth it. "I was surprised," visitor Howard Moore said. "But certainly glad to see it. It was long overdue."

Carroza says nowadays, these security upgrades are necessary. "That's why people don't seem to mind, because they're getting used to it," Carroza said. "When they go into a school they have to show an I.D., and when they're at the airport or they go into large buildings."

But there's more than just a camera at the front desk. Other security measures have been added: more lighting and emergency call boxes in the parking lots, more cameras and more locked hospital units.



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 Maria Branson.