Research shows that the majority of patients admitted to behavioral health facilities are at risk for harming themselves or others.¹ In an investigation into patient suicides, the Joint Commission found environmental factors to be a root cause in more than 80% of inpatient suicides.¹ Facilities that don’t focus on safe environmental design leave themselves open to lawsuits. Studies show 1 in 2 inpatient suicides result in a lawsuit, and juries generally side with patients because they perceive inpatient units as having the greatest responsibility to prevent self-injury.²

Although no facility can be totally safe, there are many easy steps facilities can take to reduce environmental risk factors. No detail will be overlooked by patients, so no detail can be overlooked by facilities. Surebond’s SB-190 Everseal is the only pick-resistant sealant listed in the Design Guide for the Built Environment of Behavioral Health Facilities. High security areas require sealants and adhesives with high hardness values for durability; SB-190 Everseal has a Shore A value between 70 and 80.

- Reduce ligature hazards
- Protect patients, staff and guests
- Reduce risk of lawsuit
- Reduce maintenance costs

¹ ECRI Institute. Thwarting behavioral health violence through facility design. Healthcare Hazard Management Monitor 2004
² Inpatient Suicide: Identifying Vulnerability in the Hospital Setting. Psychiatric Times 2012
SUREBOND SB-190 FEATURES:

- 2000 PSI tensile strength
- Easy-to-apply, one-part modified epoxy
- Pick-proof and tamper-resistant
- Available in clear or white (custom colors available with special order)
- Bonds to practically any substrate, including dissimilar materials
- Can be painted over after full cure
- Long-lasting, low maintenance requirements

SB-190 EVERSEAL can help humanize facilities while improving safety in all patient areas:

- Replaces many mechanical fasteners
- Bonds furniture in place
- Fills gaps between furniture, floors and walls to prevent the concealment of dangerous contraband
- Secures ceiling fixtures, wall trim, baseboards, door and window frames
- Seals around bathroom fixtures, wall mountings (such as fire extinguishers, thermostats, framed documents and artwork, and bathroom mirror frames)

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