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William Osler Health System regrets the alleged theft of two wallets recently in the Brampton Civic Hospital's Labour and Delivery Department.

Peel Regional Police were contacted on March 10 immediately after hospital security was notified of an incident, said Osler spokesperson Dawne Barbieri.

"We must do everything possible to keep our patients safe," said Barbieri. "When a patient loses property, we all feel saddened. We feel the best solution is to lock up valuables or leave them at home."

Like other hospitals, William Osler's hospitals are public places with many access points allowing people to come and go freely for appointments and visits. At Brampton Civic, Barbieri said many steps have been taken to ensure the safest environment possible:

- Staff are educated and encouraged to report any suspicious activity or people who may appear to be in an area they should not be in.
- All staff are required to wear Identification badges
- Brampton Civic is equipped with more than 450 cameras and supported by 24-hour security
- Patients staying at the hospital are encouraged to leave any valuables at home, leave them with a family member, or put them in a secure location locked by security officers.

"We regret that patients have lost personal items and we are doing everything possible to work with local police to investigate and ensure all steps are taken to avoid this in the future," said Barbieri.

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