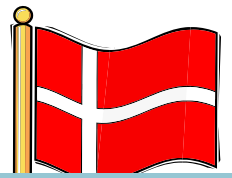




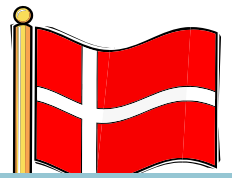
## Suicides reported to the Danish Patient Safety Database in NBH

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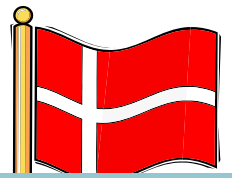
## Statistics

- In general 700 suicides/annum (population 5 mill)
- 2001: 727 suicides
- 7% happened during admission or just after
  - 11 in somatic wards
  - 37 in psychiatric wards



## Reports to DPSD

- 26 reports in two years
- Hanging
- Plastic bags
- Jumping off buildings
- Drowning
- Train
- Medication
- Laceration



## Recommendation

- Think about the practical interior décor (eg. Curtain and shower rails)
- Beware of objects in the patients possession that can cause harm
- Collaboration with the next of kin
- Risk assessment
- Procedures for leaving the Ward
- Routine check-up on patients (rounds)
- Beware of the sleeping...