Kennon’s
Soft Suicide Prevention
Door & Artwork
Soft Suicide Prevention Door

The Soft Suicide Prevention Door (SSPD) eliminates door anchor points while contributing to the healing environment by providing calming artwork for patients. It was developed by patient safety professionals at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is now offered for sale by Kennon.

SSPD’s are custom-made to fit any door frame up to 42” wide. Double, saloon-style panels are available for wider installations. Door hinges consist of magnets, which are encased in a rip-stop material hinge. Hinges attach directly to a standard hollow, metal door frame or to separately provided stainless steel hinge plates. SSPD’s are designed to pull off of the hinges immediately after 20 pounds of vertical pressure. Visit www.suicideproofing.com to view our informational video.

SSPD Magnetic Hinge, Installed Top View

Soft Suicide Prevention Artwork

Soft Suicide Prevention Artwork (SSPA), contains strong magnets sewn into a rear, tamper-resistant pocket. This allows it to be easily mounted to most walls and surfaces via stainless steel plates (available for purchase) and tamper-resistant hardware (provided by the facility). It comes in most sizes up to 42” x 70.”

SSPA Installed Top View

SSPD’s and SSPA’s are lightweight, shred-resistant, anti-microbial, non-flammable and easy to clean.
SSPD and SSPA Images

Please select from our standard images, or request an image to meet the needs of your facility (choose from high resolution images at www.thinkstock.com at no additional charge). The SSPD or SSPA can be printed with an image for which you own the rights, as long as it is of sufficient size and quality. Pricing includes an image on one side. There is an additional fee for selecting an image on both sides (SSPD only). Use of a custom image may require an added design fee.

SSPD’s are also available in solid colors beige or white. However, we are able to print a color swatch of your choosing for an additional fee. Be mindful that printing processes and materials may alter the appearance of color.
SSPD Selection Guide

With your back to the image side of the door, determine the hinge.

Door: **Right Hinge**

Door: **Left Hinge**

Door: **Saloon Style**
SSPD Installation Instructions

Proper installation will ensure the best performance and longest lasting results. The magnetic hinge may be attached to a hollow, metal door frame, or to the Stainless Steel Hinge Plates provided for non-magnetic surfaces. Any existing strike plates or other features on the door frames should be removed prior to installation of the SSPD.

Initial installation for applications on non-magnetic surfaces is best done with two people - one person to hold the SSPD in place while the other person positions the Hinge Plates. Once the plates are installed, the SSPD may be positioned by one person.

Parts List per Single Panel SSPD - Steel Frame Installation
1. SSPD, 1 each

Parts List per Single Panel SSPD - Non-Magnetic Surface Installation (tile, wood, aluminum)
1. SSPD, 1 each
2. Hinge Plates, 4 each

Steel Frame Installation
1. Fit SSPD into the door frame at the desired height. A 12” gap between the floor and the bottom of the door is recommended. Magnets in the hinge will secure the SSPD to the door frame.

Non-Magnetic Surface Installation
1. Locate the magnets within the top, center and bottom of the hinge.
2. Fit the SSPD into the door frame or wall at the desired height. A 12” gap between the floor and the bottom of the door is recommended. Hold the SSPD in position and mark the door frame or wall at the locations where the magnets align.
3. Set the SSPD aside. Install a Hinge Plate onto the door frame or wall, centered over each of the three marked magnet locations. Each hinge plate requires three appropriately anchored #10 tamper-proof screws.
4. If desired, the edges of the hinge plates may be sealed with a pick-resistant caulk.
5. Attach the SSPD magnetic hinge to the Hinge Plates.
6. Locate the magnetic closure loop on the SSPD (opposite of the hinge). Mark the area on the door frame where the fourth Hinge Plate intersects it when the door is closed.
7. Install the fourth Hinge Plate, centered over the marked area of the frame. If using anchors, hold the plate in position and mark the four screw holes prior to drilling. If not anchoring, then screw the plate directly to the door frame.

Diagram of Typical Door Installation

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Cleaning and Maintenance

SSPD’s and SSPA’s are made of durable materials that will hold up to daily patient and client use in the hospital or mental health environment. Doors and artwork are covered in an anti-microbial vinyl material which is fire-resistant and abrasion-resistant. All of the sewn seems on the SSPD’s and SSPA’s are sealed to make them waterproof.

Cleaning is relatively simple and quick. A warm soapy, water solution is adequate to clean the doors and artwork, followed by wiping them down with a dry, clean cloth. Other cleaning agents could be used on the SSPD’s or SSPA’s, such as Windex, 409, or other mild forms of cleansers. Users can either clean the doors as they hang in place, or remove and set aside each time they clean.

Warning:

These products contain Neodymium Rare Earth Magnets. The strong magnetic fields can damage magnetic media, such as floppy disks, credit cards, magnetic ID cards, cassette tapes, video tapes, and similar items. They can also damage televisions, VCR’s, computer monitors and other CRT electronics. Never bring the magnets within 6 inches of these items.

Never allow the magnetic hinge of the SSPD within 12 inches of a person with a pacemaker or similar medical device. The strong magnetic fields can affect the operation of such devices.

Kennon’s SSPD’s and SSPA’s are built using pick-proof, tamper-resistant materials. Seams are sealed with a water-resistant, pick-deterring seam sealant, and the vinyl material itself is tear-resistant, shred-proof and flame-retardant, per the California State Fire Marshall Title 19, NFPA-701 ASTM E84081A Flame Rate Spreading Class.

SSPD’s and SSPA’s are meant to be used in any health care environment where the clients are in a secured setting, free of items that may be used for destructive purposes. They are designed to reduce the risk of suicide in a mental health environment. Kennon recommends that clients be closely searched and monitored to ensure that they do not harm themselves or try to damage the SSPD or SSPA by any means. Should the products become damaged, remove and discard them.

Kennon recommends daily inspections of the SSPD and SSPA for early detection of tampering. Kennon shall not be held liable for damage caused to products, individuals or facilities due to inadequate client supervision.

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