

Environment of Care Standard 1.10: The hospital manages safety risks.

Element of Performance 1: Written Safety Plan

The hospital develops and maintains a written management plan describing the processes it implements to effectively manage the environmental safety of patients, staff and other people coming to the hospital's facilities.

Evidence of Compliance	Evidence of Performance Improvement
General Safety Management Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plan outlines processes for organization to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Risk assessment conducted to identify, classify activities involving worker injury risk <input type="checkbox"/> Plan includes periodic Safety Tours <input type="checkbox"/> Plan clearly outlines responsibilities of Safety Officer, members of Safety Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Committee approves Safety Plan annually; approval recorded in meeting minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Coordinator, Committee have committed resources for waste reduction strategies <input type="checkbox"/> Facility has developed and maintains EMS and/or ISO 14000 certification <p>Facility uses environmental improvement projects as Performance Improvement Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury elimination <input type="checkbox"/> Waste minimization projects (RMW, recycling, hazardous materials reduction, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> EPP procedures, including energy efficient equipment, vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminating use of incinerators <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminating use of ethylene oxide, other highly hazardous materials
Hazardous Materials and Waste	
<p>Safety Plan includes following elements of environmental safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- assessment, inventory of hazardous materials, wastes of concern that also covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> appropriate risk assessments <input type="checkbox"/> compliance requirements <input type="checkbox"/> education and training requirements <input type="checkbox"/> safe handling (including labeling, use, storage, spill prevention, waste management) -- detailed provisions for specific materials of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> asbestos <input type="checkbox"/> mercury <input type="checkbox"/> pesticides <input type="checkbox"/> petroleum products, used oil <input type="checkbox"/> pharmaceuticals (chemotherapeutics) <input type="checkbox"/> radioactive materials and waste <input type="checkbox"/> chemicals used in boiler rooms, laboratories, pharmacies, paint shop -- specifications for managing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> employee safety. <input type="checkbox"/> hazard identification <input type="checkbox"/> community safety and security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plan includes provisions for reducing use of hazardous materials

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Hazardous Materials and Waste Continued	
<input type="checkbox"/> personal protective equipment <input type="checkbox"/> spill clean up <input type="checkbox"/> employee training -- provisions for weekly environmental inspections for hazard surveillance -- specification of actions to be taken in response to fire, explosion, hazwaste releases -- provisions for communicating hazardous chemical handling, use requirements to employees -- a Community Right-to-Know plan	
Regulated Medical (Infectious) Waste	
Safety Plan includes following elements of Regulated Medical Waste safety: -- Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) Exposure Control Plan -- processes to protect health in areas of packaging, labeling, and transporting RMW	Facility has formulated a comprehensive medical waste minimization plan that includes: <input type="checkbox"/> staff education <input type="checkbox"/> signage <input type="checkbox"/> handling <input type="checkbox"/> monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> problem identification strategies <input type="checkbox"/> choosing reusable medical devices, supplies over disposables <input type="checkbox"/> reducing volume of laboratory samples
Training	
Safety plan includes following elements of training and education: -- education programs for: <input type="checkbox"/> general safety processes <input type="checkbox"/> area-specific safety issues <input type="checkbox"/> specific job-related hazards -- well documented, organized and accessible education, training program\ -- training in HazComm, BBP Exposure Control Plan at orientation, annually thereafter -- employee training in hazardous waste issues, including: <input type="checkbox"/> waste identification <input type="checkbox"/> storage <input type="checkbox"/> labeling <input type="checkbox"/> spill clean up <input type="checkbox"/> transporting and disposal <input type="checkbox"/> community safety and security	Facility provides comprehensive training program covering: <input type="checkbox"/> waste minimization <input type="checkbox"/> staff education <input type="checkbox"/> signage <input type="checkbox"/> handling <input type="checkbox"/> monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> choosing reusable medical devices, supplies over disposables <input type="checkbox"/> reducing volume of laboratory samples