

Environment Of Care: Splash Zone

Facility Name:
Floor or Wing(s):

Date:
Observer(s):

Component	Observation				Comments
	YES	NO	N/A	Not Seen	
Medication Room Sink and Splash Zone					
* The splash zone is the three-foot area around a sink or drain.					
The counter next to the sink is free of medication-related items.					
The counter next to the sink is free of resident care supplies.					
The counter next to the sink is free of drinks, food, or serving items.					
The counter next to the sink is free of sterile supplies.					
Medications are not prepared on the counter next to the sink.					
Lab specimens are not prepared or processed in the medication room.					* Specimens are considered biohazards and should not enter the medication room as it is considered clean.
The counter next to the sink is free of shared medical equipment.					*Only clean equipment can be stored in the medication room.
If items are within 3 feet of the sink, a physical barrier prevents contamination from spraying or splashing.					
If a physical barrier is present, it appears to be cleaned and disinfected daily.					
Staff do not discard resident waste, nutritional fluids, or other beverages down the sink.					
Sink surfaces, faucets, and handles are cleaned and disinfected daily.					
The sink and counter are sediment, lime, and scaling-free.					
Signs within the sink splash zone are laminated.					
The soap dispenser is functional and visually clean.					
The paper towel dispenser keeps the towels completely enclosed.					
A faucet aerator is not in use.					
The sink basin is not used for storage.					
Resident-related items (e.g., clean or sterile supplies, food, beverages, food delivery items, medical equipment, linen, laboratory items) are not stored under the sink.					*Resident-related supplies that may reach or be touched by the resident should not be stored under a sink.
Hand hygiene-related items (e.g., sanitizer, soap, paper towels) are not stored under the sink.					
Cleaning cloths are not stored under the sink.					
The sink cabinet and surfaces under the sink are clean, dry, and intact.					
No potential growth of mold or mildew was observed under the sink.					
There is no evidence of water intrusion under the sink.					

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Nutrition Room or Kitchenette Splash Zone					
The sink is only used for hand hygiene.					
Drinks, food, or serving items are not on the counter next to the sink.					
If items are within 3 feet of the sink, a physical barrier prevents contamination from spraying or splashing.					
Staff do not discard resident waste, nutritional fluids, or other beverages down the sink.					
Sink surfaces, faucets, and handles are cleaned and disinfected daily.					
The sink and counter are sediment, lime, and scaling-free.					
Signs within the sink splash zone are laminated.					
The soap dispenser is functional and visually clean.					
The paper towel dispenser keeps the towels completely enclosed.					
A faucet aerator is not in use.					
The sink basin is not used for storage.					
Resident-related beverage, food, delivery, or food preparation items are not stored under the sink.					
Hand hygiene-related items (e.g., sanitizer, soap, paper towels) are not stored under the sink.					
Cleaning cloths are not stored under the sink.					
The sink cabinet and surfaces under the sink are clean, dry, and intact.					
No potential growth of mold or mildew was observed under the sink.					
There is no evidence of water intrusion under the sink.					
Dirty Utility Sink and Hopper Splash Zones					
Specimens are not prepared or processed in a splash zone.					
Shared medical equipment is not stored within a splash zone.					
If items are within 3 feet of the sink, a physical barrier prevents contamination from spraying or splashing.					
If items are within 3 feet of the hopper, there is a physical barrier to prevent contamination from spraying or splashing.					
Drinks, food, or serving items are not present in this room.					
Clean supplies or medical equipment are not present in this room.					
Sink and hopper surfaces, faucets, and handles are cleaned and disinfected daily.					
The sink, counter, and hopper are sediment, lime, and scaling-free.					
Signs within the splash zone are laminated.					
The soap dispenser is functional and visually clean.					
The paper towel dispenser keeps the towels completely enclosed.					
Only dirty items that can be cleaned are in this room.					
The sink basin is not used for storage.					
Resident-related items are not stored under the sink.					
Lids or covers are present on hoppers.					
The room door is closed when the hopper is flushed without a lid or cover.					

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Community Shower or Spa					
Medication-related items are not in a sink, shower, toilet, or whirlpool splash zone.					
Resident care supplies are not in a sink, shower, toilet, or whirlpool splash zone.					
Drinks, food, or serving items are not present in this room.					
Sterile supplies are not located in this room.					
Shared medical equipment is not in a sink, shower, toilet, or whirlpool splash zone.					
Clean linen is not in a sink, shower, toilet, or whirlpool splash zone and is kept covered until use.					
If items are within 3 feet of the sink, a physical barrier prevents contamination from spraying or splashing.					
Staff do not discard resident waste, nutritional fluids, or other beverages down the sink.					
Sink, shower, and whirlpool surfaces, faucets, and handles are cleaned and disinfected daily.					
The sink, shower, and whirlpool surfaces are sediment, lime, and scaling-free.					
Signs within the splash zone are laminated.					
The soap dispenser is functional and visually clean.					
The paper towel dispenser keeps the towels completely enclosed.					
A faucet aerator is not in use.					
The sink basin is not used for storage.					
Resident-related items (e.g., clean or sterile supplies, food, beverages, food delivery items, medical equipment, linen, laboratory) are not stored under the sink.					
Hand hygiene-related items (e.g., sanitizer, soap, paper towels) are not stored under the sink.					
Cleaning cloths are not stored under the sink.					
The sink cabinet and surfaces under the sink are clean, dry, and intact.					
There is no evidence of water intrusion in the room.					
There is no potential growth of mold or mildew in the room.					
The tub is not used for storage.					
Shower mats are hung to dry to prevent cross-contamination of other items in the room.					

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Resident Rooms					
Medication-related items, resident care supplies, drinks or food, and shared medical equipment are not in a sink splash zone.					
Medication-related items, resident care supplies, drinks or food, and shared medical equipment are not in a shower splash zone.					
Medication-related items, resident care supplies, drinks or food, and shared medical equipment are not in a toilet splash zone.					
If items are within 3 feet of the sink, a physical barrier prevents contamination from spraying or splashing.					
Staff do not discard liquid nutritional supplements or beverages down the sink or shower.					
The sink, shower, toilet surfaces, faucets, and handles are cleaned and disinfected daily.					
The sink, shower, and toilet surfaces are sediment, lime, and scaling-free.					
Signs within the splash zone are laminated.					
The soap dispenser is functional and visually clean.					
The paper towel dispenser keeps the towels completely enclosed.					
A faucet aerator is not in use.					
The sink basin is not used for storage.					
Resident-related items (e.g., clean or sterile supplies, food, beverages, food delivery items, medical equipment, linen, laboratory items) are not stored under the sink.					
The sink cabinet and surfaces under the sink are clean, dry, and intact.					
There is no evidence of water intrusion in the room.					
There is no potential growth of mold or mildew in the room.					
Sterile fields are not set up within a splash zone.					
Lids or covers are present on the toilet.					
The bathroom door is closed when the toilet is flushed without a lid or cover.					