

CHECKLIST | HEALTH CARE FACILITY HAZARD PREVENTION

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The health care industry contains a wide range of potential safety exposures. As such, it's important to implement precautions to help minimize these risks. Use this OSHA checklist to address hazards in health care facilities.

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GENERAL SAFETY	YES	NO	N/A
Are employers assessing tasks to identify potential worksite hazards and providing and ensuring employee use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ergonomic stressors being evaluated solutions being considered? For example, are ergonomically designed tools and devices being considered for implementation? OSHA recommends that employers implement a systematic process for identifying and resolving ergonomic issues, and incorporate this process into its overall program to recognize and prevent work-related injuries and illnesses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FIRE SAFETY	YES	NO	N/A
Are flammable items stored away from heat producing equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees apprised of the fire hazards for the materials and processes to which they are exposed? Has the employer reviewed with all employees those parts of the fire prevention plan necessary for their self-protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the requirements for use of portable fire extinguishers being met?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and/or a fire prevention plan in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL EXPOSURES	YES	NO	N/A
Does the written program meet the requirements of the Hazard Communication Standard to provide for worker training, warning labels and access to Safety Data Sheets (SDS)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, goggles and splash aprons) provided for handling hazardous detergents and chemicals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body provided within the work area for immediate emergency use where any person's eyes or body may be exposed to corrosive materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are emergency eye washes/showers tested and kept in good working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS	YES	NO	N/A
Are floors kept clean and dry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are aisles and passageways clear and in good repair, with no obstructions that could possibly create slip, trip and fall hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ELECTRICAL SAFETY	YES	NO	N/A
Is electrical service near sources of water properly grounded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is electrical equipment free from recognized hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all damaged receptacles and portable electrical equipment tagged out and removed from service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are damaged receptacles and portable electrical equipment repaired before being placed back into service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees trained to not plug or unplug energized equipment when their hands are wet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INFECTIOUS MATERIALS	YES	NO	N/A
Are universal precautions used when exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials is anticipated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Source: OSHA

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