

# Splash Zone Checklist

Name:

Date:

Location/Unit:

The checklist should be used to assess that items are not stored, and medications are not prepared, within three feet of splashing water. **Rationale:** Microorganisms disperse from contaminated sink bowls and drain surfaces as large droplets, generated during faucet usage, contaminating medical supplies/equipment.

Prevention Component	Practice Performed			Comments
	Yes	No	N/A	
Staff avoids placing personal items on counters next to sinks.				
Staff avoids storing patient/resident care items within 3 feet of a sink.				
If space is limited and patient/resident care items must be stored near the sink, there is a splash guard mounted beside the sink.				
Staff avoids preparing medications within 3 feet of a sink.				
If space is limited and medications must be prepared near the sink, there is a splash guard mounted beside the sink.				
Staff avoids preparing/processing specimens near areas of splashing water.				
If space is limited and specimens must be prepared/processed near the sink, there is a splash guard mounted beside the sink.				
Staff avoids using countertops and surfaces within 3 feet of splashing water as a sterile field.				
Staff avoids storing reusable, cleaned and disinfected noncritical items (e.g., blood pressure cuffs, ECG leads, tourniquets, oximeter probes) within 3 feet of splashing water.				
Surfaces near the drain are cleaned at least daily. Surfaces include: sink basin, faucet, faucet handles, surrounding countertop.				

Prevention Component	Practice Performed			Comments
	Yes	No	N/A	
Staff avoids discarding patient/resident waste down sinks.				
Staff avoids discarding liquid nutritional supplements or other beverages down sinks or toilets.				
Staff avoids placing drinks and/or food within 3 feet of a handwashing sink.				
There is a sink designated for handwashing in the food prep area.				

Use N/A if (a) non-applicable or (b) not assessed.

### General Comments