

## ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY ROUNDS

Environmental Safety Rounds is covered by [Procedure Number 08007](#) in accordance with The Joint Commission.

### Life Safety

Are there any Space Heaters? [Procedure Number 08009](#)

Proper Maintenance of Storage Rooms, such as 18 inches of clearance from ceiling/sprinkler heads.

Fire Alarm pull station access is not blocked.

Egress pathways are kept clear to include storage rooms. [Procedure Number 08043](#)

- o Exit lights are properly marked and illuminated.
- o Fire doors have positive latching
- o Emergency spotlights function
- o Fire doors are unobstructed
- o There are no paper signs on Fire/Smoke Doors or Walls.
- o Hallways are kept clear.
- o Trash Cans (Size/Quantity) not exceed Life Safety storage.

Access to Med Gases is not blocked. Labeling on shut offs clearly identifies rooms. [Procedure Number-HM 08022](#)

Decorations in Hospital Occupancy and Patient Care areas are in accordance with [LSC Number LS08007](#).

- o There are no taped items to walls or doors.
- o No items are affixed to doors.
- o Paper signs are only in enclosed frames or unvarnished bulletin boards.
- o No open flames.

Inventory of Alcohol based Hand Sanitizer does not exceed allowable amounts; Dispensing units are mounted away from electrical outlets.

Doors are not propped open.

Sprinkler heads are clean and free of dust.

Ceiling Tiles are in place, and not damaged.

Fire penetrations have fire stopping in place; only one type of fire stopping material per penetration.

### Hazardous Materials

Eyewashes and Safety Showers are being checked weekly. [Procedure Number 08016](#)

Proper procedures are being used for Sterilization. [Procedure 08017](#) per HM

All Chemical Containers are properly labeled. [Procedure 08018](#) per HM

- o When transferred to a different container, the label follows GHS
- o When not in original container, labels contain appropriate hazard information

Gas Cylinders are stored properly and clearly labeled. [Procedure Number 08003](#) per HM

- o No more than 12 small O2 cylinders are in one smoke compartment (unless otherwise rated for compressed gas storage).
- o E-cylinders are segregated "full," "partially full" and "empty."

Red Biohazard waste is stored in an area only accessible to employees (doors should be locked).

Waste streams are being utilized (ie regular trash in regular trash and biohazard in biohazard).

Sharps containers are not full.

Medication is properly disposed and not left unsecured after use.

## Medical Equipment Management

Power Strips are approved and used in a safe manner that does not present a concern (such as daisy chaining or being used for inappropriate devices like a fridge that exceeds the capabilities of the power strip). [Procedure Number 08037](#)

Any broken or malfunctioning equipment is properly tagged. [Procedure Number 08039](#)

Cords on all electrical equipment are in good shape (no fraying or wires showing).

All medical equipment has been inspected by Biomed and has a dated/initialled inspection sticker.

## Infection Control

Airborne Isolation Cases adhere to the Respiratory Protection Program. A PAPR cart outside of room, and only authorized individuals wearing PAPRs are allowed. [Procedure Number 08034](#)

Infection Control Precautions are posted where needed. [Procedure Number 08008](#)

No food should be around patient care areas, (i.e. nurses station, lab table tops, medication carts)

Syringes are not left lying around in nurses station, patient rooms, or any area accessible by patients, visitors or staff who do not need access. Needles should be in a locked area.

Health care workers wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) during exposures. One person

Needles are never recapped after patient use. And are disposed of immediately. [Procedure Number 08008](#). Sharps are locked and secured.

Refrigerators are clearly labeled as to allowable contents (i.e. patient food only, medications only, etc)