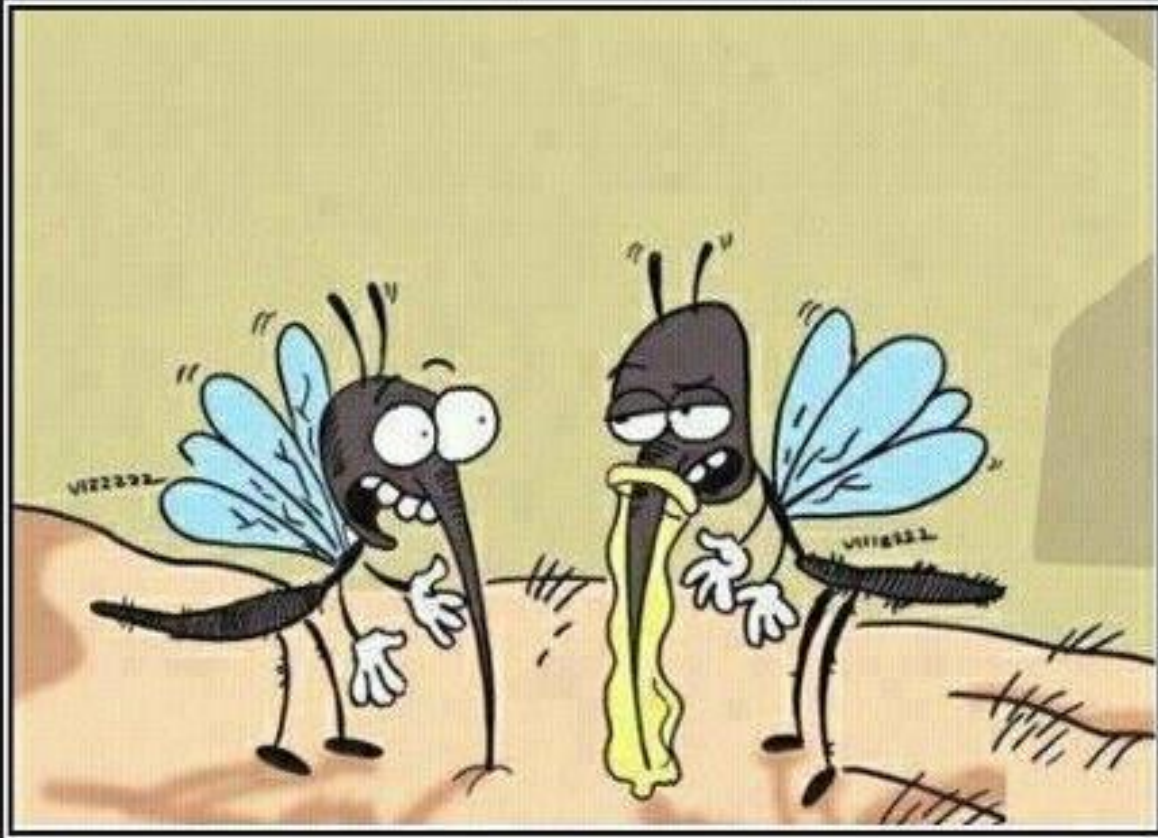




# The Importance of Having a Safety Officer

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Safety first

# Objectives

1. Explain why a safety officer is important in an ASC.
2. Describe the role of the safety officer.
3. Discuss different strategies in supporting the role.

# Why do you need a Safety Officer in your ASC?



PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN YOUR FACILITY'S OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR PATIENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS.



TO COMPLIMENT YOUR SAFETY PLAN AND HELP TO REDUCE RISK.



ASSIST IN SAFETY EDUCATION TO STAFF, HELP MONITOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.



ADHERE TO CMS/OSHA AND FACILITY'S ACCREDITATION.

# Joint Commission Standards

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**JC Environment of Care Chapter:** The standards address the need to identify someone to manage environmental risks as well as to intervene when situations threaten people or property; both responsibilities may be assigned to one person.

There is no Joint Commission standard with a stated requirement for the position of Safety Officer.

EC.01.01.01 requires the organization to identify an individual or individuals to perform specified risk reduction activities and threat intervention responsibilities.

Standard LD.04.04.05 (which focuses on having an organization wide, integrated patient safety program within performance improvement activities).

# AAAHC STANDARDS

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## Subchapter II

- The governing body designates responsibility of the centers Safety Program to an identified individual or committee.
- Documented education in the safety program to all within 30 days of hire, annually, and as needed

**AAAHC Facilities and Environment Chapter:** The facility must provide a safe environment and have written policies and procedures in place to address safety and security

# CMS and OSHA Regulations

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CMS Conditions for coverage

CMS Emergency Preparedness Program

CMS Life Safety Codes

OSHA Bloodborne pathogens, sharp safety, SDS,

# The Safety Officers role is to support The Center's Safety Plan

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THROUGH SURVEILLANCE, REPORTING, AND EDUCATION



# The Safety Program

The safety program will be implemented within the QUALITY PLAN and will include hazard surveillance in the following areas, but not limited to, where applicable:

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1. Biomedical and equipment maintenance
2. CPR drills
3. Physical plant monitoring and maintenance
4. Pharmacy and record reviews
5. In-service education
6. Imaging
7. Fire and disaster drills



# Safety Program continued

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1. Laboratory/pathology services
2. Incident investigation and analysis
3. QA audits and risk identification
4. Security services
5. Anesthesiology
6. Infection control program/aseptic technique

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

for the workplace



Know alerts and/or alarms used in your workplace

Regularly inspect fire extinguishers and advertise their locations with floor and wall signs



Install eyewash stations close to eye hazard work areas

## POST

- Emergency numbers
- GPS Coordinates
- Assembly Locations



Plan for emergency vehicle traffic



SDS

Keep Safety Data Sheets updated and posted

Use floor tape and shapes to mark aisles and emergency exits



Know natural disaster shelter locations



CPR training

Keep first aid supplies stocked and updated. Mark locations with easily visible signs



CREATIVE safety supply



Post **evacuation route** maps for your building and stage regular drills

Plan for alternative communication methods



Replace damaged protective equipment

Inspect spill kits regularly



# Supporting The Role

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OSHA Checklist

Safety Audit

Sharps Safety

Orientation and annual competencies for staff

Your Safety Officer is: \_\_\_\_\_

OSHA MANUAL LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_

SDS LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_

SPILL KITS \_\_\_\_\_

EYEWASH STATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP \_\_\_\_\_

SHARPS CONTAINERS LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

PPE \_\_\_\_\_

## SAFETY

Products that have an incorporated safety mechanism, ensuring compliance while protecting you, the user.



## CONTAIN

Products that will securely contain the risk, therefore reducing the possibility of a sharps-related injury.



## NEUTRAL

Products that will maximise the neutral zone, allowing you to safely pass sharps without compromising safety.



## DISPOSE

Products that will facilitate easy and safe disposal of contaminated product.



## Morning Rounds Checklist (Environmental, OSHA, NFPA)

- Ceiling tiles are not stained, missing, or broken
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- Doors are not propped open
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- Elevator Areas, Corridors, and Egress routes are free of equipment and any obstructions.
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- Staff, Doctors, Volunteers, and Students wearing ID at all times      YES      NO

- Staff is familiar with the location of fire extinguishers, medical gas shut-off valves (if applicable), fire alarm pull stations (if applicable) and notification procedures if there was an Emergency situation in the department.      YES

NO



TASK	PARTIAL	MEETS	NON
Medical waste storage secured			
Loading dock Supplies contained			
Gas storage room Empty, full, in-use tags applied			
Portable Fire Extinguishers			
Alcohol based hand rubs			
Means of Egress			
Self-closing doors			
Combustible decorations			
Documented maintenance on facility LS			



TASK	PARTIAL	MEETS	INCOMPLETE
Pt nurse call remotes are within reach			
Exits signs visible			
Spilled liquids wiped			
Electrical cords contained			
Clinical equipment checked by biomed			
Soiled lined in hampers			
Sharps container not over fill line			
Nothing stored in hallway			
Emergency procedures guide by phones			
Emergency pull cords within reach (bathroom)			

# RESOURCES

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[https://www.osha.gov/dte/library/materials\\_library.html](https://www.osha.gov/dte/library/materials_library.html)

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html>

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3514.html> (SDS)

<https://safetyskills.com/>

[https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active\\_shooter\\_pocket\\_card\\_508.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active_shooter_pocket_card_508.pdf)

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/healthcarefacilities/index.html>

# Re-cap

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Important role that plays significant part in many areas....

- Staff education and safety; patient safety
- Monitoring, Evaluating, Implementing

Develop the role to compliment your Safety Plan

Questions?

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