

## 5 Common Issues Related to **Staff Safety**

Effective environmental services are essential for providing safe and sanitary environments for both patients and staff; however, regulatory inspections show that many hospitals face some common challenges. Below are commonly cited issues related to staff safety identified during healthcare regulatory inspections with tips on how to address them.

# 01

### Knowledge of Correct Dwell Times of Disinfectants

Ensuring staff are knowledgeable about the correct dwell times of disinfectants is critical for product efficacy. Ongoing staff training and supplemental resources can help, as well as standardizing the chemicals used to reduce variables.



# 02

### Management of Spill Kits

Expired spill kits can be ineffective during emergencies. Check monthly for upcoming expiration dates and change, if necessary.

# 03

### Management of Blood and Bodily Fluids

Proper handling and containment of blood and bodily fluids are critical to prevent infections and ensure staff safety. Standardized processes and procedures can help ensure areas are cleaned methodically so areas are not missed.



# 04

### Hand Hygiene Compliance

Proper hand hygiene is one of the most important things staff can do to prevent the spread of infections. In addition to supplying adequate supplies of soap and water at all handwashing stations, handwashing stations with sensors can be used to help staff maintain and measure compliance.

# 05

### Proper Segregation of Medical and Regular Waste

Improper segregation of medical and regular waste poses health risks. Instruct staff members on waste management practices with an emphasis on the importance of proper segregation, containment and disposal procedures.



Sodexo Healthcare can help you achieve consistency and standardization across your environmental services and infection prevention programs.