

Spot Audit: Compliance with sharps safety measures

Personal & Clinical Care Standard 3.g.i (Aged care)

Questions:		Yes ✓	No ✗
1	Sharps disposal containers have not been filled above the fill line (are not overflowing)		
2	Sharps disposal containers are stored safely away from the public when full.		
3	Clean empty sharps bins are not stored with full dirty sharps bins.		
4	Sharps disposal containers are secured on the wall, bench or trolley when in use. (AS 3816:2018 states wall mounted containers should be installed so that the height of the lowest point of the opening of the container is between 1.1m-1.2m from floor)		
5	Sharps are disposed of directly into a sharp's disposal container at point of use.		
6	Engineered safety devices are used whenever possible. Examples: retractable or needless syringes and safety sub cut butterflies.		
7	Residents who are independent with their glucose monitoring, insulin administration or other injectables are provided written instructions on safe waste disposal (<i>view instructions</i>)		
8	HCW is aware of the action required following a needlestick exposure (ask 5 HCW) Examples: immediate first aid, report, counselling, testing, follow-up.		
HCW 1	HCW 2	HCW 3	HCW 4
9	HCW can identify where the safe handling of sharps policy/procedure is located (ask 5 HCW)		
HCW 1	HCW 2	HCW 3	HCW 4
<p>% score for compliance - $\frac{\text{total number of yes answers}}{\text{total number of yes and no answers}} \times 100 =$ %</p>			

Area:	Auditor:	Date:
Feedback (add actions identified for QI).		