



Laundry Tour Inspection Checklist for Infection Preventionists

Maintaining a safe healthcare environment starts with ensuring that healthcare textiles meet rigorous infection control standards. This comprehensive checklist outlines the essential elements to evaluate during a site visit, including critical steps and compliance requirements throughout the hygienically clean laundry process. Use this as a guide to verify best practices and uphold the highest standards of cleanliness and safety.

Soiled Textiles - Handling & Processing

YES / NO

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| 1. Are soiled textiles contained in leak-resistant bags to minimize exposure? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. Are Universal/Standard Precautions being followed - including the use of PPE- when sorting soiled textiles? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Is there necessary signage to communicate to employees that Universal/Standard Precautions must be followed? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. Is a sharps container and non-sharps medical waste container in the soil area? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Is there a cart washing process to clean and disinfect carts used for soil transport before loading them with clean textiles? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6. Is the workflow designed to prevent risk of cross-contamination with clean textiles? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. Are there hand hygiene stations for employees to use, such as sinks with soap and hand sanitizing dispensers? | ☐ | ☐ |

Laundry Facility & Equipment

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| 1. Is there separation between soil and clean sides, either via a physical or spatial barrier? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. Is there proper ventilation in the facility, either a negative air flow to pull clean air to the soil side or positive air flow pushing air from the clean side to soil? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Is the proper preventative maintenance and calibration performed on the facility equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. Are wash formulas designed to use the proper chemicals and wash temperatures for the removal of microbiological contaminants? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Are wash formulas evaluated according to the chemical vendor's recommendations? | ☐ | ☐ |

Clean Textiles - Handling & Processing

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| 1. Are floors, walls, and ceilings clean, intact, and free of dust, lint, and dirt? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. Are employees wearing clean uniforms and garments appropriate for their job responsibilities? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Are employees following facility policies and procedures to prevent cross-contamination of textiles? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. Are there cleaning protocols on the clean side to maintain hygienically clean textiles? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Are measures in place to protect the integrity of the hygienically clean process during clean textile handling and processing? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6. Are clean textiles covered and stored on non-porous surfaces? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. Are the clean textiles subject to an inspection by employees to check for stains, tears, and foreign objects before packaging? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. Are there hand hygiene stations for employees to use, such as sinks with soap and hand sanitizing dispensers? | ☐ | ☐ |

Storage of Clean Textiles

YES / NO

1. Are textile storage areas free of dirt and debris? ☐ ☐
2. Are there any stained ceiling tiles in textile storage areas? ☐ ☐
3. Are textiles that are ready for transport covered and stored on non-porous surfaces? ☐ ☐
4. Are textiles stored in a manner that allows for standard operation of ventilation, lighting, and fire sprinklers? ☐ ☐

Trucks & Transportation

1. Is functional separation of soiled and clean textiles maintained during transportation and delivery? ☐ ☐
2. Are employees trained in proper hand hygiene and use of PPE when handling soiled textiles? ☐ ☐
3. Are trucks cleaned on a regular basis to avoid cross-contamination of clean and soiled textiles? ☐ ☐
4. Are trucks equipped with appropriate PPE, hand sanitizer, and BBP Spill Kits? ☐ ☐
5. Are soiled textile carts secured properly in the vehicle to prevent spillage? ☐ ☐

General Conditions & Documentation

1. Does the facility have a documented and active pest control program in place? ☐ ☐
2. Is there documentation of a plant cleaning schedule for the different areas of the facility? ☐ ☐
3. Are the overall conditions of the plant clean, organized, and functioning in a manner to process and maintain hygienically clean textiles? ☐ ☐

Employee Training & Documentation

1. Is there a complete Exposure Control Plan in place at the laundry facility (Per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1030 Bloodborne Pathogens Required Practices Standard)? ☐ ☐
2. Does the laundry keep records of employee training for Bloodborne Pathogens and Hazard Communication? ☐ ☐
3. Are employees trained on the proper disposal of sharps, non-sharps medical waste, and broken glass? ☐ ☐
4. Does the plant comply with OSHA Standards for Hepatitis B Vaccinations? ☐ ☐

Certification & Accreditation

YES / NO

1. Is the facility certified or accredited by a third party? ☐ ☐



Learn More about Hygienically Clean Healthcare

Hygienically Clean Healthcare Certification recognizes a laundry facility's dedication to maintaining cleanliness by verifying its processes through third-party audits and measurable microbiological testing. This certification helps reduce risks and ensures the highest standards of hygiene and safety in the processing of uniforms and linens.