

The Physical Environment Portal - Module 3

Examples of Improved Compliance for EC.02.06.01 EP 1 and 26

Issue: Unsafe patient care areas, and improper temperature, ventilation and humidity.

Any unsafe conditions found in the patient care areas are scored at EC.02.06.01 EP 1.

Risk: Unsafe patient care areas may place patients at risk. Improper temperature, ventilation and humidity may reduce patient healing and comfort.

Any unsafe conditions found in the patient care areas may place patients at risk. Unkept spaces and torn furniture affects patient and staff satisfaction.

Impact: Patients may be injured if the patient care area is not safe. Improper ventilation may harm patients, humidity may affect the environment and temperature affects patient and staff comfort.

Patient injuries may extend the patient stay. Proper set up of patient care areas often directly impacts satisfaction

Mitigation: Frequent touring of the environment to ensure safe conditions identifies risk. Properly operating, maintained and sized equipment delivers proper temperature humidity and ventilation control.

Environmental touring is an effective method to identify and correct unsafe conditions. Equipment must be inspected, tested and maintained to ensure proper operation.