Instructions: Observe patient care areas or areas outside of patient rooms. For each category, record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Standard Precautions: Observation Categories	Room/ Area 1	Room/ Area 2	Room/ Area 3	Room/ Area 4	Room/ Area 5	Summary of Observations	
						Yes	Total Observed
1 Are sharps containers available?	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No		
2 Are sharps containers properly secured and not full?	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No		
3 Are sharps containers positioned at 52" to 56" above floor?	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No		
4 Are hampers for soiled laundry labeled or color-coded?	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No		
5 Are clean linen supplies spatially separated from soiled areas or waste and covered or contained within a cabinet?	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No	❑ Yes ❑ No		
Total YES and TOTAL OBSERVED							

Date:_____

Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other_____   Initials:_____

Location/Unit:_____

Notes and comments: