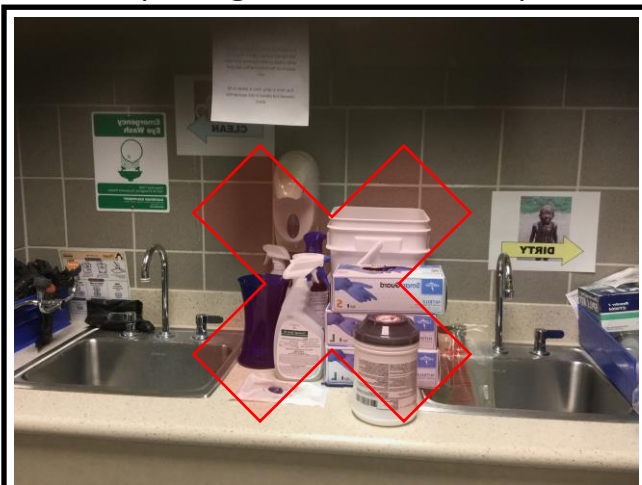


In the Zone – The Splash Zone

- Make sure sink splash zones do not contain any items which could become contaminated from hand washing/water splash.
- Do not prepare medications near areas of splashing water (e.g. within 3 feet of a sink). Outbreaks of infection have been associated with medications contaminated with tap water.
- Mount a splash guard when work space is limited.



Splash zone cluttered - **Bad**



Splash zone empty – **Good**



Sink with splash guard – **Good**



Sink with Plexiglass splash guard - **Good**

Resources: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Survey Tool <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-15-12-Attachment-1.pdf>

ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Adult IV Push Medications <http://www.ismp.org/Tools/guidelines/ivsubmitpush/ivpushmedguidelines.pdf>

Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) - Safe Injection Practices

http://www.apic.org/Resource_/TinyMceFileManager/Position_Statements/2016APICSIPPPositionPaper.pdf