



Safer Chemicals: An Overview

The HH Safer Chemicals challenge provides hospitals with the tools and resources to choose health care products that are free from harmful chemicals.

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Why Is The Safer Chemicals Challenge Important For Hospitals?



are used in health care than in any other sector. Many of these chemicals are harmful to individual health, public health & the environment.

Committing To Safer Chemicals With Healthier Hospitals

Level 1

Commit to one of the following: Green cleaning, PVC and DEHP elimination, healthy interiors, mercury elimination.

Level 2

Commit to two of the following: Green cleaning, PVC and DEHP elimination, healthy interiors, mercury elimination.

Level 3

Commit to three of the following: Green cleaning, PVC and DEHP elimination, healthy interiors, mercury elimination.

Level 4

Commit to four of the following: Green cleaning, PVC and DEHP elimination, healthy interiors, mercury elimination.

Metrics For Success: Safer Chemicals Measure Details



Green Cleaning

Inventory cleaning products & purchase 90% Green Seal or UL ECOLOGO certified cleaning products in the following categories: carpet, window, all purpose, bathroom, & general floor care.



PVC & DEHP Elimination

Eliminate PVC and DEHP from at least two product categories.



Healthy Interiors

Ensure that 30 percent of the annual volume of furnishings and furniture purchases (based on cost) eliminate the use of formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, (PVC), antimicrobials, and all flame retardants.



Mercury Elimination

Achieve mercury-free status or develop and implement mercury elimination plan.