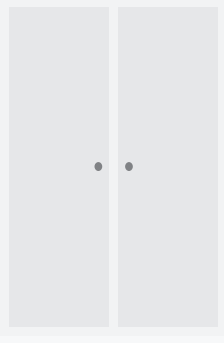


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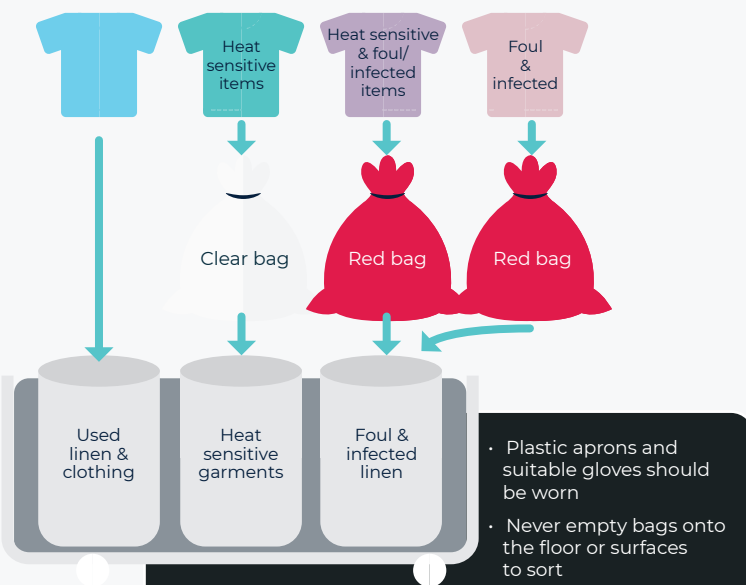
1 SORTING



Dirty linen must be placed in the appropriate bag at point of collection according to its fabric type and classification



SORTING & SEGREGATION

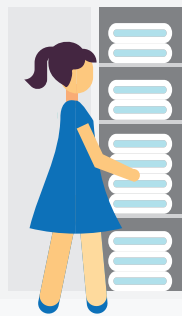


- Plastic aprons and suitable gloves should be worn
- Never empty bags onto the floor or surfaces to sort

- Heavily soiled items should have any solids removed prior to being placed into the relevant bag and before entering the laundry
- Foul and infected linen should be placed into a red water soluble bag immediately
- This should then be placed in an impermeable bag
- Check all linen for sharp objects and other items
- Never open red bags once sealed
- Always decontaminate hands afterwards

8 STORAGE OF LINEN

- a. Clean linen should be immediately stowed. All shelving should be plastic or metal to reduce the risk of harbouring potential germs
- b. To avoid prolonged storage periods of linen, use the 'first in, first out' principle



2 TRANSPORTATION OF DIRTY LINEN

All linen/clothing should be transported immediately in the correct trolleys along a pre-designated 'dirty' route to avoid contaminating the surrounding areas



3 PRE-WASH

Any heavily soiled items should be run through a cycle with a sluice and pre wash

DIRTY

4 WASH PROCESS

- a. All linen should be run through an appropriate wash cycle according to its fabric type and level of soiling
- b. Heat sensitive items should be washed at the appropriate temperature according to their fabric type

! Ensure guidelines for decontamination are adhered to either with thermal disinfection or chemical ozone disinfection

5 DRYING

Drying should be performed immediately after washing to reduce the risk of recontamination. Once items are dry, remove immediately from the dryer

6 FINISHING

Once finishing is complete, items should be immediately placed into storage trolleys ready for transportation



7 TRANSPORTATION

Clean linen should be transported back to its original location via the dedicated 'clean' route



CLEAN

