

Linen

CLEAN LINEN

Perform hand hygiene prior to removing clean linen from central supply area or from carts

- The dedicated linen room should have a door that is kept closed. If this is not possible, dedicated linen cart will have covers that should remain closed when not being accessed
 - Regular schedule for laundering of cover will be established
- Clean linen must be stored at least 1metre (3feet) away from any “soiled area/items” or fire equipment
- Linen which is removed from the clean supply area/cart is not to be returned to that cart

SOILED LINEN

When handling linen:

- Wear non-sterile gloves and disposable gown or apron
- Position hamper/tote/laundry bag in room (i.e. locate centrally in room and open lid) or as close to the room entrance as possible
- Ensure that linen is free of biomedical waste (e.g. needles and syringes, soiled wound dressings), instruments and patient’s personal belongings
- Roll linen carefully into itself, avoid shaking or fluffing
- Dispose of immediately into linen tote/hamper
- Soiled linen hamper/tote/laundry will be closed when $\frac{2}{3}$ full and not over-filled
- Remove PPE and perform appropriate hand hygiene

Linen that is heavily soiled, saturated or dripping should be placed in a leak proof clear plastic bag and then placed inside the regular hamper/ tote/ laundry bag