

## **Dirty Clothes and Linen – Cleaning**

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### **Potential Hazards**

Bending, lifting, reaching, infection and posture.

### **Control Measures**

- Only use chemicals approved by Westmont Community Care.
- Use correct manual handling processes.

### **Prepare**

1. Review the laundry area to identify any hazards and remove if required.
2. Put on gloves and relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling dirty clothes and linen.

### **Clean**

When cleaning dirty clothes and linen is part of a Domestic Assistance service, start with the washing so that other cleaning tasks can be done while they are washing.

If time permits and the washing is completed, ask the client if they want the clean clothes and linen hung out.

1. Find the dirty clothes and linen:
  - 1.1 Ask the client where the dirty clothes and linen are for washing.
  - 1.2 Put on gloves and appropriate PPE when handling dirty clothes and linen.
2. Sort the dirty clothes and linen:
  - 2.1 Separate soiled/contaminated washing from other washing.
  - 2.2 Separate white clothing and linen from dark colour clothing and linen.
  - 2.3 Place dirty clothes and linen in the washing machine.
  - 2.4 Remove the gloves and relevant PPE.
3. Washing the dirty clothes and linen:
  - 3.1 Follow the manufacturer's instructions for using the washing machine.
  - 3.2 Add the correct amount and type washing detergent.
  - 3.3 Start the washing machine.

### **Tidy and Store**

1. Return all chemicals and equipment to correct storage location.