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| LAUNDRY / LINEN WASHING | | | | NO. | |
| **Protective Equipment Instructions**:  Tasks relating to this procedure have been classified as Category II. Tasks are not likely to involve exposure to blood or body fluids. No protective equipment should be necessary to perform this task. Should it become necessary to handle blood or body fluids, or articles contaminated with blood or body fluids while performing this procedure, appropriate protective equipment must be worn (i.e. gloves, gowns, etc.). If necessary, contact your supervisor for further instructions. Should you be exposed to blood or body fluids, report the incident to your supervisor.  **Purpose**:  To maintain an adequate supply of clean laundry and linen to meet the day-to-day needs of the residents.  **Key Procedural Points**   1. Keep wash area clean and unobstructed. 2. Keep washers clean. 3. Report defective equipment or needed repairs to your supervisor. 4. Do not place washed laundry with soiled laundry. 5. Keep soiled laundry carts clean. Wipe down after loads with a disinfectant solution. 6. Report equipment and supply needs to your supervisor. 7. Assure that resident’s personal laundry is identified before washing (i.e., name on clothing, room number, etc.). 8. Follow established safety precautions.   **Steps in the Procedure:**   1. Pre-soak heavily soiled items before washing. 2. Place sorted laundry into washers by type, color, etc. as necessary. 3. Mix detergents, softeners, bleaches, etc. according to the instructions on the label for manually and automatically fed machines to assure that appropriate mixtures are maintained. 4. Wash laundry and linen marked “contaminated” separately and in accordance with isolation procedures outlined in this manual. 5. Select appropriate settings for wash cycle, and start the washer. 6. Remove washed laundry and place in dryer. 7. Weigh soiled laundry as instructed. | | | | | |
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