



# Good Laundry Practice Guide

The bugs stop here



## Handling Dirty Laundry



**Never sort laundry on the floor**



Always wear gloves when handling dirty laundry



**Never bring dirty laundry into contact with clean**



The dirty laundry collection bag support trolley must be regularly cleaned and disinfected (weekly)



**Mixed trollies (clean and dirty) must never be used: use lightweight collection trollies that are easy to clean and disinfect**



Where possible use textile bags. Plastic bags are more expensive and encourage mould to form which can seriously alter the fibres of the textiles



### KEY

Hygiene Tip



Money Saving Tip



Safety Tip



## Processing



**Do not underload or overload machines**



Use good quality and correct amount of detergent



**Always leave the washing machine door open between loads to prolong the life of the rubber seal and to air the drum**



Preheat the dryer to optimise the drying cycle time



**Do not leave the dryer door open after unloading and before loading the next batch. Heat is lost each time the door is opened.**



Clean the dryer lint/fluff filter regularly during the day; clean filters regularly after use



**Never leave hot laundry in the dryer at the end of the working day as it is a serious fire hazard**



## Remember



**Always observe COSHH regulations**



Do not store anything on top of machines



**Reduce the number of times clean linen is handled from the time it is taken out of the washer until it is delivered to the residents room (a maximum of four handlings)**



Wash hands regularly



**Wear protective gloves and clothing**



Keep machines clean



**Do not store laundry for long periods**



Clean the soap box regularly



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