

	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual	Policy Number	1509
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	Department: Exposure Control Plan	Laundry Handling Practices	

PROCEDURE:

1. Contaminated laundry shall be handled as little as possible with a minimum of agitation.
2. Contaminated laundry shall be bagged in laundry carts in the hallway near the door to the resident's room. Laundry that is heavily soiled with feces should be rinsed in the rinse tub in the dirty utility room before being sent to the laundry.
3. Contaminated laundry shall be placed and transported in bags or containers labeled properly according to OSHA guidelines. Yellow bags are for laundry contaminated by infectious waste.
4. The facility shall ensure that employees who have contact with contaminated laundry wear protective gloves and other appropriate personal protective equipment.