

Activity   
**Safe Handling**

**Skills:** Text Use, Numeracy, Document Use  
**Profiled:** Laundry  
**Other Applications:** All

## *Safe Handling of Soiled Laundry*

### **Nursing Home Laundry and Linen Service**

- ♦ Wash hands before and after contact with each patient.
- ♦ Eating and drinking in the lunch area **only**.
- ♦ Staff must wear gowns, masks and gloves when sorting soiled linen.
- ♦ All cuts and scrapes must be covered with a waterproof bandage.
- ♦ Rubber gloves must be used when handling laundry with blood and body fluids.
- ♦ A clean uniform must be worn daily.
- ♦ Soiled linen must be bagged to contain any and all body fluids.
- ♦ Soiled linen must be removed from patient care areas at least once daily. (more often as required)
- ♦ All clean linen must be put in carts which have been decontaminated.
- ♦ The soiled linen carts must be cleaned at least daily, and the clean linen carts, cleaned weekly.