



Mecklenburg County Health Department

LINEN HANDLING (INSTITUTIONS)

CLEAN:

- Cover while in storage and during transport.
- Do not store linen with any item that could potentially contaminate the linen.
- Store at least 8 inches above the floor.
- Storing linen under exposed sewer lines is prohibited.
- Any pre-made beds/stretchers placed in common areas/walkways must be protected from contamination (i.e. covered w/ extra sheet).



SOILED:

- Remove linen from use once it becomes damaged and/or visibly soiled.
- Bag soiled linen at point of use.
- Store soiled linen separately from clean linen.
- All containers/bags with soiled linen must be labeled as "SOILED LINEN".
- All soiled linen must remain covered while in storage and during transport.
- Common linen must be cleaned and sanitized before it is placed back into use.
- Any stretchers which are awaiting a patient in the hallway should be covered with a clean sheet and labeled as "In Use".



RULE REFERENCE:
(15A NCAC 18A .1319) FURNISHINGS AND PATIENT CONTACT ITEMS

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