

Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Communal Bath/Shower Rooms

A clean and clutter-free environment promotes resident and patient safety, reduces slip and fall risks, eliminates unpleasant odors, supports dignity and comfort and helps to prevent healthcare associated infections.



Do NOT share personal items such as razors and clippers. Personal items must be stored in a space designated for the patient/resident.



Clean and disinfect equipment after every use using a two-step process. Apply hospital-grade disinfectants and ensure proper contact time. Use enhanced cleaning after isolation cases.



Do not free-pour cleaning and disinfecting products. Ensure manufacturer instructions for use are followed.



Patients on isolation must be scheduled last. Perform terminal cleaning after an isolation case.



Cleaning and temperature logs must be kept. Documentation in the logs must occur after each use.

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