Infection Prevention and Control in Homelessness Service Settings

Cleaning and Disinfecting Sleeping Mats



Clean and disinfect sleeping mats daily and between client use.

- Gather cleaning and disinfection supplies.
- Choose/prepare appropriate cleaning and disinfectant product(s) for where you are going to clean. Make sure you know how to safely use the product(s).
- Clean hands and put on gloves.
- If linens have been used, remove and place into a linen bag for dirty laundry.
 - Remove gloves, clean hands, and put on new gloves.
- Solutions Clean the top and sides of the mat from the foot to the head using a cleaning product.
 - Make sure to clean the edges.
 - Turn the mat and clean the other side.
- Repeat the above step using a disinfectant.
 - While cleaning, inspect the mat for:
 - Cracks or holes and replace as required.
 - Pests.
 - Allow mat to dry completely.
 - Throw out any used paper towels or cleaning/disinfecting wipes in the garbage.
 - If cleaning cloths were used, place them in a bag for dirty laundry.
 - Take off gloves and throw them into the garbage.
 - Clean hands.



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