

Title	Follow standard precautions set by infection control personnel when cleaning health care facilities		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people in the cleaning industry.</p> <p>People credited with this standard are able to: demonstrate practices relating to standard precautions; observe special cleaning procedures; and comply with infection control procedures and liaise with infection control personnel.</p>
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Classification	Cleaning and Caretaking > Health Sector Cleaning
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Competence demonstrated during assessment against this standard must comply with the requirements of:
 Employment Relations Act 2000;
 Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
 Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992;
 Privacy Act 1993;
 Smoke Free Environments Act 1990;
Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations, Health and Disability Commission, 1996;
Guidelines for preventing the transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in health-care facilities, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, 1994;
 NZS 8134.3:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (infection prevention and control) Standards*.
- 2 Equipment and cleaning agents must be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 3 Definitions
Health care facilities can include aged residential care facilities, dental surgeries, doctors' surgeries, specialist clinics, general and specialist hospitals.
Industry best practice refers to any enterprise and/or establishment requirements, practices, policy, procedures, methods and protocols which are in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations and New Zealand Standards.
Sharps refers to potential health hazards to cleaners such as needles (contaminated or otherwise) ampoules, or any potentially skin penetrating objects used in the health area.
Mop refers to either a string/cotton, sponge or microfibre type, or a flat mop.
Flat mop is a type of microfibre mop and can be used in a wet or dry condition.

Standard precautions is a term acknowledged and used in the health care industry to cover infection control procedures common across all health care areas. In addition to these, there are requirements relating to particular areas, which are under the control of the facilities' infection control personnel. Standard precautions are precautions to be taken by all personnel and applied to all patients/residents/areas regardless of their presumed infection status. Standard precautions combine the major features of Universal Precautions and body substance isolation.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate practices relating to standard precautions.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Hand washing technique is performed between all cleaning operations.
- 1.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the task being undertaken is used at all times during cleaning operations.
- Range gloves, eye or face protection, respiratory protection, protective clothing (when required).
- 1.3 Contaminated waste is bagged, colour coded, and labelled in accordance with facility requirements.
- 1.4 Handling practices which ensure non-infection of the cleaner are followed at all times.
- Range hazardous waste, sharps.
- 1.5 Reporting procedures are followed in accordance with facility requirements.
- Range supervisor and/or facility management.

Outcome 2

Observe special cleaning procedures.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Special requirements for cleaning equipment used in areas where stringent infection control is required are complied with in accordance with facility requirements.
- Range filters for vacuum cleaners and suction polishers, colour coded cloths and mops or other system of identification of specific equipment for specific areas and uses.

2.2 Special requirements relating to areas where stringent infection control is required are complied with in accordance with facility requirements.

Range the use of cleaning agents, cleaning methods, practices and activities of cleaner, wearing and use of PPE.

2.3 All cleaning operations are completed with regard to infection control and standard precautions.

Outcome 3

Comply with infection control procedures and liaise with infection control personnel.

Performance criteria

3.1 Infection control requirements and procedures for facility are identified and complied with at all times.

3.2 Action taken in the event of a breakdown (accident/injury) in procedures is in liaison with infection control personnel and in accordance with facility requirements.

Range supervisor, facility management.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Review	6	24 January 2019	31 December 2021

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