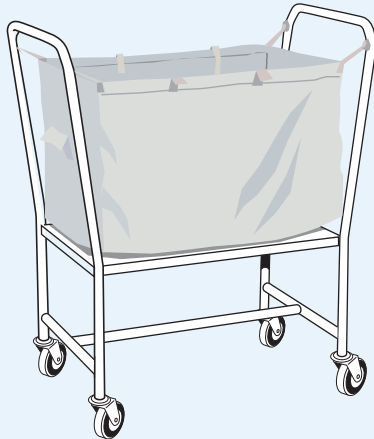





Appendix 8: Best Practice - Linen Bagging and Tagging

| CATEGORY | INNER BAG | LINEN BAG/HAMPER |
|--|---|---|
| Used linen (All used linen in the care setting not contaminated by blood or body fluids) | None required |  |
| Infectious linen (All linen used by a person known or suspected to be infectious and linen that is contaminated with blood or body fluids) | Water soluble or soluble seam (alginate bag) placed into a polythene bag  |  |
| Heat-labile linen Linen that may be damaged (shrinkage/stretching) by thermal disinfection. | If 'used' none required. If 'infectious' treat as above. |  <div data-bbox="1278 1547 1501 1771"> COLOUR MAY VARY </div> |

Ensure all linen bags are:

- Securely tied
- Not overfilled
- Tagged with hospital, ward/department and date.

If linen processing has been outsourced to an industrial service provider, follow the categorisation system and colour coding for 'used' and 'infectious' linen set out by the service provider.