

ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE	NUMBER: 15.05	PAGES: 1 of 2
	RELATED ORDERS: MJS 1262, 1271	
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CHAPTER: Sanitation and Hygiene	SUBJECT: Contaminated Clothing, Bedding and Linen Procedure	

- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish a procedure to ensure safe and proper handling of contaminated clothing, bedding and linen, and to control contamination and/or spread of vermin in the jail pursuant to Minimum Jail Standards 1262 and 1271.
- II. **POLICY:** All inmates will exchange clothing, bedding and linen at least weekly, or as needed, to control contamination and/or spread of vermin. Contaminated items will be sealed in red plastic bags. Bags containing contaminated articles will be sent to the laundry for cleaning, disinfecting, or disposal.
- III. **PROCEDURE:**
- A. The medical staff will be notified of all cases of suspected vermin infestation for confirmation and treatment.
 - B. All persons handling contaminated clothing, bedding or linen will wear disposable gloves.
 - C. Contaminated clothing, bedding and linen shall be placed in red plastic bags by the inmate at the time of treatment and clothing exchange. The bags shall be sealed and marked on the outside as follows:
 - 1. Description of contents (i.e., 2 sheets, 1 blanket, 1 top and pants)
 - 2. Type of contamination (i.e., lice, etc.)
 - 3. Location of recovery (i.e., Maximum H/U #1)
 - D. Inmates in possession of contaminated articles shall have those items replaced in a timely manner.

- E. Sealed bags will be placed in laundry carts with normally soiled laundry which is destined for the laundry. Personnel recovering contaminated laundry shall notify the laundry that contaminated laundry is en route.
- F. The Laundry deputies will evaluate the contaminated articles for laundering or disposal. To minimize handling, evaluation may in most situations result from reading exterior label.
- G. Inmates instructed to handle contaminated articles shall be supervised to ensure compliance with proper safety techniques.
- H. An adequate supply of red contamination bags shall be maintained in ITR, housing units, and the Laundry. The bags shall be ordered via each jail's Supply Storekeeper.