

72623 Laundry

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If the facility does not maintain a laundry service, the commercial laundry utilized shall meet the standards of this section.

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Laundry areas shall have, at a minimum, the following: (1) Separate rooms for the storage of clean linen and soiled linen. (2) Handwashing and toilet facilities maintained at locations convenient for laundry personnel. (3) Separate linen carts labeled "soiled" or "clean linen" and constructed of washable materials which shall be laundered or suitably cleaned as needed to maintain sanitation.

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Written procedures for handling, storage, transportation and processing of linens shall be posted in the laundry and shall be implemented.