



Glove selection guide

If contact with blood and/or body fluids, non-intact skin or mucous membranes, is anticipated or the service user has a known infection, personal protective equipment (PPE) should be worn. You should wear disposable gloves that are appropriate for the task.

Task to be performed	Sterile		Non-sterile				
	Latex	Nitrile	Latex	Nitrile	Vinyl	Polythene	Domestic
Procedure and type of contact Ticks indicate which glove to use for the procedures listed and if they should be sterile or non-sterile. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.							
Aseptic/Aspectic non-touch technique	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Blood/blood stained body fluids			✓	✓			
Body fluids, e.g., urine, faeces			✓	✓	✓		
Decontamination of equipment			✓	✓	✓		
Domestic tasks							✓
Food preparation					✓	✓	
Rectal exam			✓	✓			
Short and non-manipulative tasks					✓		
Sorting soiled laundry			✓	✓	✓		
Urinary catheterisation	✓	✓					
Urine drainage bag emptying			✓	✓	✓		
Vaginal exam			✓	✓			
Venepuncture/Phlebotomy			✓	✓			