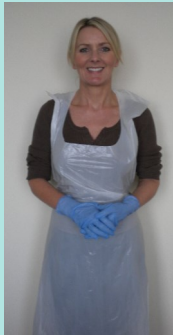


Cleaning and disinfecting a commode pan or bed pan manually for Care Home settings

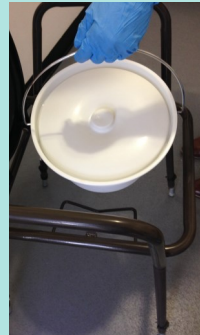
Best practice is to always:

- Use a bucket or sink designated for only cleaning commodes or bed pans
- Use disposable cleaning cloths and dispose of after use
- Use a general purpose neutral detergent and warm water for cleaning before disinfecting
- After cleaning, use 1,000 ppm chlorine-based disinfectant solution or equivalent product, as per manufacturer's instructions
- Alternatively, use a '2 in 1' product, which contains both a detergent and a disinfectant
- Ensure pans are replaced when scratched, stained or the handle is rusted

Follow your local 'Safe disposal of waste, including sharps Policy for Care Home settings' for appropriate waste stream to be used and the 'Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages Policy for Care Home settings' if there is contamination with blood or blood stained body fluids.



1. Wash hands thoroughly with liquid soap, warm running water, dry with paper towels and dispose of. Then put on disposable apron and gloves. Wear facial protection if there is a risk of splashing to the eyes.



2. (i) Commode pan - cover with lid and carefully remove from the commode to avoid spillages.

(ii) Bed pan - carefully remove pan from underneath the resident to avoid spillages and cover with lid, disposable pan cover or paper towel.



3. Transfer the covered commode or bed pan to the sluice room to empty, clean and disinfect. Empty the contents.



4. Immerse the pan into a designated commode/bed pan bucket or sink filled with detergent and warm water.



5. Wash the outside then inside of the pan and dry with disposable paper towels. Dispose of cloth and paper towels.



6. Wipe the outside then inside of the pan with the appropriate disinfectant solution or wipes. Leave to air dry. Dispose of cloth.



7. Remove and dispose of gloves, clean hands, then remove and dispose of apron.



8. Wash hands with liquid soap and warm running water, rinse and dry thoroughly with paper towels.