

Cleaning and disinfecting a commode pan manually for Domiciliary Care settings

Best practice is to always:

- Use disposable cleaning cloths and dispose of after use
- Use a general purpose neutral detergent and warm water for cleaning before disinfecting
- Use 1,000 ppm chlorine-based disinfectant solution, after cleaning, or as per manufacturer's instructions
- Ensure pans are replaced when scratched, stained or the handle is rusted

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

	<p>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 eye protection if there is a risk of splashing to the eyes.</p>		<p>2. Carefully remove the commode pan from the commode to avoid spilling the contents.</p>
	<p>3. Transfer the covered commode pan to the toilet to empty, clean and disinfect. Empty the contents into the toilet.</p>		<p>4. Place the pan into a bucket of detergent and warm water.</p>
	<p>5. Wash the outside then inside of the pan and dry with disposable paper towels. Dispose of cloth and paper towels.</p>		<p>6. Wipe the outside then inside of the pan with the chlorine-based disinfectant solution. Leave to air dry. Dispose of cloth.</p>
	<p>7. Remove and dispose of gloves, clean hands, then remove and dispose of apron.</p>		<p>8. Wash hands thoroughly with liquid soap and warm running water, rinse and dry thoroughly with paper towels.</p>