

Overview

This standard is for those who prepare textile items and make up loads for cleaning using any of the cleaning methods; laundry and/or wet cleaning and/or dry cleaning.

This standard is for laundry operatives, wet cleaning operatives and dry cleaning operatives

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1 handle items to be cleaned with care and remove those which are unsuitable for the cleaning process

P2 redirect items that are unsuitable for the cleaning process

P3 identify and remove any foreign objects from the item prior to processing in line with organisational procedures

P4 identify items requiring stain removal processing

P5 sort items according to their classifications to make up loads

P6 make up loads to the correct weight, label and store in order of priority of processing

P7 deal with foul and infected items within the loads in line with regulatory and organisational procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to identify and handle items for cleaning
- K2 the importance of removing items unsuitable for cleaning before processing
- K3 classification of loads and the correct weight of loads required for the weight capacity of machines
- K4 why different types of items need different weight loads
- K5 how to prioritise loads for processing
- K6 how to interpret care labels
- K7 the different fibres, fabrics and textile finishes of items and how this affects processing
- K8 the construction of items and how this affects the cleaning method used
- K9 the importance of identifying delicate or sensitive items
- K10 the importance of work priorities and sequencing
- K11 how to store loads safely prior to cleaning
- K12 how to deal with foreign objects in items in line with organisational guidelines
- K13 regulations and organisational procedures for dealing with foul and infected items
- K14 regulations and organisational procedures for dealing with specialist sector items such as healthcare, food hygiene and specialist workwear

Classify textile items and make up loads for cleaning

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