

## **SAFE WORK PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING CONTAMINATED LAUNDRY**

Isolating the laundry and minimizing manual handling prevents worker exposure to laundry contaminated with blood and/or other biohazardous material. The laundry is:

- Effectively bagged or containerized at the location of use;
- Not sorted or rinsed in the location of use;
- Handled as little as possible.

When contaminated laundry is wet and there is a reasonable likelihood of soak-through or leakage, the laundry is placed and transported in other leak-resistant bags or containers.

If laundry is contaminated with a known or suspected bloodborne pathogen, the Supervisor must provide the following written information to anyone who would be handling the laundry:

- Identity and nature of materials which could pose a hazard;
- General precautionary measures to be followed.

Bags and other containers of laundry contaminated with a known or suspected bloodborne pathogen must be labelled unless universal precautions are taken and distinctive-coloured bagging is used.