



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.106.1833 SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY: LAUNDRY AND BEDDING

- (1) If a specialty mental health facility processes its own laundry on the facility site, it must:
 - (a) Set aside a room for laundry and utilize it solely for that purpose.
 - (b) Equip the laundry with a mechanical washer and dryer (or additional machines if necessary to handle the laundry load) , handwashing facilities, mechanical ventilation to the outside, a fresh air supply, and a hot water supply system which supplies the washer with water of at least 160 ° F (71 ° C) during each use for 25 minutes, or, if lower temperatures are used, with chemicals suitable for low temperature washing.
 - (c) Sort and store soiled laundry in an area separate from that used to sort and store clean laundry.
 - (d) Provide well maintained carts or other containers impervious to moisture to transport laundry, keeping those used for soiled laundry separate from those used for clean laundry.
 - (e) Dry all bed linen, towels, and washcloths in a mechanical dryer.
 - (f) Protect clean laundry from contamination.
 - (g) Ensure that facility staff use hygienic techniques while handling soiled and clean laundry, including:
 - (i) covering their clothing while working with soiled laundry;
 - (ii) using separate clean covering for their clothes while handling clean laundry; and
 - (iii) washing their hands both after working with soiled laundry and before they handle clean laundry.
- (2) The facility must maintain a linen supply adequate to provide changes of bed and bath linens at appropriate intervals.

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Implementing statute(s): Sec. 50-5-103, MCA

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