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Apron Care and Disinfectant Guidelines

“Enhanced Cleaning” Update 2017

1. Inspection Procedure:

Please inspect your garment thoroughly upon receipt and at regular intervals and or during radiographic inspections for any visible defects.

2. Care and Storage of your Apron:

DO NOT fold, crease, drape or sit down tightly on your garment. We strongly recommend that our aprons be hung on a heavy duty chrome hanger or equivalent and not on a hook.

- Don't fold or throw the lead apron on the floor in between procedures or after you are done wearing it. Do not sit on the apron or while wearing the apron. This may cause creases to the lead or core protective material.
- The appropriate way to store your lead apron is by hanging it on an apron hanger or rack by the shoulders or by the hanging straps if applicable.
- If you are transporting your lead apron from one facility to another avoid folding over the apron. The correct way is to roll the lead apron and place it inside a bag big enough to keep the apron from folding. Do not leave your apron in an extremely hot or freezing place (trunk of the car) while you are transporting it.

3. Cleaning and disinfecting your lead apron:

We suggest customers follow the cleaning guidelines and recommendations outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the proper care of environmental surfaces. They advise that environmental surfaces be properly cleaned first, and then followed by a second step of sanitization. <https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pubs.html>

Categorized as a “high touch surface” inside of facilities today, governing bodies recommend routine cleanings throughout the year. In addition to using a sanitizing wipe on a regular basis, we recommend Radiological Care Services (RCS), who provides scheduled, deep cleanings and builds customized service programs for your x-ray garment inventory.

- Inappropriate cleaning of the lead apron will create creases or cracks in the surface which could also compromise the safety of your garment or even void the warranty.
- When your lead apron comes in contact with fluid or when you decide that it is time to clean it use a mild detergent and a damp cloth to remove any visible stains. Dry the wet spot with a dry cloth and repeat the process until the soiled area is cleaned. Do not immerse the apron in water or putting it under running water.
- Prevent the use of harsh cleaning agents or other abrasive products. They could damage the outer material or make it age faster.
- Use a soft brush like a toothbrush. If you want to scrub the apron, avoid anything with rigid or tough bristles.
- To remove dirt or dust from the surface of the apron, we now are suggesting the use of the Healthcare brand of Clorox hydrogen peroxide spray which is an anti-bacterial cleaning product that is safe for all surface and works particularly well on the fabrics used in the manufacture of lead aprons.
- For disinfecting surfaces of an apron, use Clorox Wipes and allow a drying time of 5 minutes