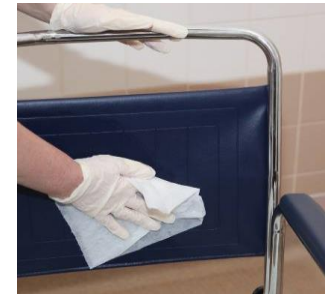


COMMUNE CHAIR CLEANING PROTOCOL



Commodes **MUST BE** cleaned after each use using a multi-surface detergent wipe. This should include contact points (arm rest/back support) and also seating area with the underside checked for soiling and cleaned if required. A single use disposable plastic apron and disposable gloves should be worn for this.

- 👉 Each commode chair and seat cushion should be identified with a corresponding number.
- 👉 **After each use the arm rest/back support and seating area must be wiped with a multi surface detergent wipe and a visual check undertaken for the underside with cleaning occurring if required.**
- 👉 If a commode chair is allocated to a specific patient, it should be cleaned as above after each use but fully decontaminated (see below) prior to being used by other patients in addition to the daily clean.
- 👉 The commode chair must be decontaminated as below at least once a day (night staff responsibility).
- 👉 If additional cleaning is required due to infection, guidance will be provided by the Infection Control Team.
- 👉 A documented record should be kept each time the commode chair is fully decontaminated, identifying the date, time, commode, level of decontamination and signature of the person performing the decontamination.
- 👉 A twice daily inspection of all surfaces of each commode should be performed and recorded by the nurse in charge.



1. Apply the commode brakes. Wearing gloves and apron remove seat cover and disassemble commode where possible.

2. Wipe cushion and stand on a clean surface to dry then clean the upper seating area followed by underside. Dispose of wipe. Using a new wipe clean back rest and arms and working down the commode the remaining frame finishing with the wheels.

3. Please note the wipe should be changed immediately if noticed to be soiled and following cleaning of the seating area. Leave commode dry. Remove gloves and apron, cleanse hands and then complete cleaning details.