Two methods to clean your hands

Alcohol-based Hand Rub (ABHR)
Preferred Method



Soap and Water
When hands are visibly dirty



Infection Prevention & Control



For more information: ask your healthcare provider or visit

www.interiorhealth.ca/YourStay/ InfectionPreventionControl

You will touch someone's life today... do it with clean hands!



Patients, Residents, Clients and Visitors



Guide for Clean Hands

Did you know...?

- In Canada, 8,000 to 12,000 people die every year from infections acquired during health care visits
- 80% of common infections are spread by unclean hands
- Cleaning hands reduces the risk of infections
- Germs on hands can make you sick



You can pick up & spread germs everywhere.

Just clean 'em ...

What can you do? Clean your hands!

Before

- Eating, drinking, taking medicine, or putting anything in your mouth
- Touching any wounds, dressings, or tubes

After

- Coughing, sneezing, or touching nose or mouth
- Using the toilet, bedpan, or commode

When

- Returning to or leaving a room
- Visibly unclean
- Entering/leaving a facility
- Unsure if hands are clean

What can the healthcare workers do? Clean their hands!

When

Before and after touching you or your environment

It's OK to ask your healthcare provider if they cleaned their hands



or remind them

