



# Don't judge a mattress by its cover

## Calm surface



- Inspect the exterior surface of each mattress cover for signs of damage, such as holes or cuts.
- Remove the cover and inspect its inside surface and the mattress core for staining or contamination.
- Safely dispose of any covers showing signs of damage or staining.
- Arrange for contaminated mattress cores to be cleaned and decontaminated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or safely disposed of.
- Ensure that a frequent inspection regime is established for all mattresses.

## What lies beneath



Do the user instructions for the mattress properly describe how to inspect, clean and decontaminate it?  
If not, tell us about it by reporting it as an adverse incident.

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