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## COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARD 1

### Prepare the Treatment Area

**Conditions:**

In a treatment area, using disinfecting cleaning materials, massage equipment, freshly laundered linen, towels and a blanket

**Task:**

Prepare the treatment area

**Standard:**

***Quality / Technical:***

- Ensure that the room and equipment surfaces have been cleaned according to the requirements of communicable disease control as defined by the *Infection Control for Regulated Professionals* document.
- So that you use only sheets and towels that have been freshly laundered.
- So that the linens, towels and blanket that come in contact with the client have not been used by a prior client.
- So that linen used for draping will allow for full coverage of the client.

***Safety:***

- So that the linens and pillows do not interfere with the client's ability to get on and off the table.
- So that any obstacle or substance that could make the floor slippery is removed from the treatment room to prevent accidental falls.
- So that equipment is properly maintained and that manufacturer's instructions are followed correctly.
- So that the transference of infectious diseases is limited

***Timing:***

- Prior to the client entering the treatment area.
- After a client who required the use of protective barriers leaves the treatment area

Reference:

O. Reg. 544/94 Part III S. 9

*Infection Control for Regulated Professionals*