

# Wolf Apron Care and Cleaning

## Proper X-Ray Apron Care

**Whether you already have an x-ray apron or you're planning on purchasing one, it's important to know the basic care requirements for keeping your x-ray apron intact. Understanding the proper x-ray apron care can result in longer utilization and impact care giver safety.**

### Cleaning

In a medical setting, it's easy for protective apparel to get dirty. If your x-ray apron is dirty from blood or other bodily fluids, you should clean it as soon as possible.

Protective aprons should NEVER be machine laundered, dry cleaned or autoclaved.

To spot clean the surface of an apron:

- a. Use a soft bristle brush and a mild soap solution such as a hand soap or laundry detergent.
- b. Never use bleach or solvents (mineral spirits, paint thinner, etc.) to clean an apron as they may damage the interior lining and compromise the protective properties of the apron.
- c. Rinse gently with water and hang FLAT to dry.

Wolf recently did testing on several different types of disinfectants. We observed no adverse reactions when using Clorox Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes, Sani-Cloth AF3 Wipes (Grey Top), or Revolution Scrubbles Apron Cleaner according to their product directions for use.

In general, we do NOT recommend using bleach or bleach cleaners/wipes on aprons.

### Storage

Don't fold, crease, drape, or sit down tightly on your x-ray aprons.

We strongly recommend that our aprons are safely hung on a lead apron rack, hanger or equivalent storage unit. After storing your x-ray apron make sure to hook and loop any closure to avoid snagging or tearing of fabric. Storing aprons correctly can increase the life cycle of your x-ray aprons.

### Inspection

It's recommended that lead aprons are to be checked fluoroscopically at least once a year to uphold standard performance.

Checking x-ray aprons as often as possible is always the best practice, the slightest crack can render the apron damaged. Replacement should be considered every 18-24 months, depending on the amount of usage and general wear and tear.

### **Disposal**

Each apron that contains lead must be properly disposed. You can do this by contacting a disposal service who can properly discard lead material. Hazardous-waste carriers and certain handling companies have pick-up or drop-off services for unwanted aprons.

Alternatively, all non-lead aprons can be disposed of in the regular garbage disposal. There is no need to contact a disposal service for non-lead aprons.

**These recommendations are the key to caring for Wolf X-Ray aprons. Take care of your x-ray aprons, if not the abuse can significantly shorten apron's use and the care gives safety. If you have any questions or comments regarding x-ray apron care, please contact us.**