

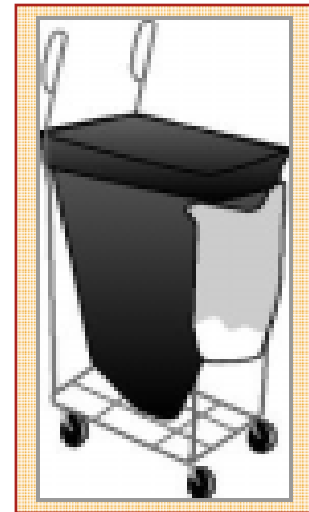
## SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*

### Handling Bags

**Activity:** Laundry, housekeeping and maintenance

**Description:** Equipment and practices for handling bags

**When to Use:** When handling laundry, trash and other bags. Reduces risk of items being dropped and speeds process for removing and disposing of items.



**Points to Remember:** Receptacles that hold bags of laundry or trash should have side openings that keep the bags within easy reach and allow employees to slide the bag off the cart without lifting.

Minimize the size and weight of bags, and provide handles to decrease the strain of handling. Chutes and dumpsters should be at or below grade level. Provide automatic opening or hardware to keep doors open to eliminate twisting and awkward handling.

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