

# The Hard Facts on Soft Surfaces

Roughly  
**50%**  
of the surfaces in hospitals are soft surfaces

**50%**  
of doctors' neckties carry infectious bacteria<sup>2</sup>

**37%**  
of facilities only launder privacy curtains when visibly soiled<sup>3</sup>

**92%**  
of privacy curtains are contaminated 1 week after laundering<sup>4</sup>

**42%**  
of privacy curtains are contaminated with VRE<sup>5</sup>

More than  
**50%**  
of beds and mattresses are contaminated with MRSA<sup>1</sup>



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**60%**

of clinician uniforms are contaminated with potentially infectious bacteria<sup>1</sup>

VRE can survive on polyester for up to

**90 days<sup>2</sup>**

Bacteria like MRSA, can survive on fabrics for more than

**1 month<sup>3</sup>**

Fabrics are a reservoir for bacteria and have been found to contribute to **A. baumannii outbreaks<sup>4</sup>**

Bacteria like **VRE**

can be transferred to and from fabric cushions and people<sup>5</sup>

Clothing and linens can contribute to

**MRSA outbreaks<sup>2</sup>**



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