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**FAQ:** Can I use Gait Belts on multiple clients?  
How do I keep them clean?

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Posey Gait Belts are designed to be used on multiple clients much like other caregiver devices, such as blood pressure monitors, stethoscopes, etc., provided they are used in accordance with the facility's procedures for the use and cleaning of multiple patient use medical devices.

Posey manufactures Gait Belts from a variety of materials, each which must be cleaned according to the information sheets and cleaning instructions accompanying that product.

Gait belts made from woven fibers, either natural or man-made can be laundered. Posey recommends washing in lukewarm water (100°F / 38°C), without bleach, and low dry in order to maintain color brightness and product longevity. If, however, the woven Gait Belts are contaminated, they may be cleaned per the "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-care Facilities: Recommendations of CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). MMWR 2003; 52 (No. RR-10) page 27" by washing in hot Water (> 160°F / 71°C) for a period of 25 minutes or more with, if desirable, the appropriate bleach concentration. This may, however, cause color fading, webbing shrinkage and shorten the product life.

Posey also manufactures a series of "EZ Clean" Gait belts made from non-porous synthetic materials that are designed be wiped clean with a mild disinfectant in lieu of laundering. Posey does not, however, recommend immersing these gait belts completely in the disinfectant cleaning fluid.

For complete cleaning and use instructions for all Posey products, please refer to package insert accompanying each product.

We hope that this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Posey Customer Service at (800) 44-Posey or (800) 447-6739.