



# **UNIFORM CARE GUIDE**

Keep Your Look Sharp and Professional



# CARING FOR YOUR UNIFORM

Your uniform is a reflection of your professionalism, brand, and commitment to excellence. Proper care will ensure it continues to represent you at your best. This guide provides easy-to-follow tips for cleaning, storing, and maintaining your uniform, helping it retain its quality and fit. By following these simple steps, you'll extend the life of your uniform, keeping it in top condition while ensuring you always look and feel your best.

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## UNIFORM CARE BY GARMENT

ITEM & FABRIC	IMAGE	CARE INSTRUCTIONS
<p><b>STRIPED SHIRTS</b> Cotton/Polyester</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm machine wash with like colours</li> <li>• Do not soak</li> <li>• Do not bleach</li> <li>• Do not tumble dry</li> <li>• Dry in shade</li> <li>• Warm iron</li> <li>• Dry cleanable (P)</li> </ul>
<p><b>KNIT WEAR</b> Viscose/Nylon</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash inside out</li> <li>• Cold handwash or gentle machine wash with similar colours</li> <li>• Do not soak</li> <li>• Do not wring</li> <li>• Do not bleach</li> <li>• Do not tumble dry</li> <li>• Lay flat in shade to dry away from direct sunlight</li> <li>• Cool iron on reverse</li> <li>• Dry cleanable (P)</li> </ul>

**HI VIS POLOS:**

Polyester



- Cold machine wash with like colours
- Do not bleach
- Do not tumble dry
- Do not iron
- Avoid exposure to flame and heat
- This garment complies to standards at time of manufacture. Misuse, excessive dirt or long exposure to UV may impair the level of fabric chromaticity

**HI VIS SOFT SHELL & RAIN JACKETS**



- Do not machine wash
- Gentle hand wash in cool water
- Do not use bleach
- Do not iron
- Do not dry clean
- Do not soak
- Drip dry in shade

**WORKWEAR PANTS AND SHORTS:**

Cotton Drill



- Warm machine wash with like colours
- Dry inside out away from direct sunlight to avoid fading
- Do not bleach
- Do not tumble dry
- Warm iron
- Dry cleanable (P)

**HI VIS SAFETY VESTS  
(TAPED OR NON TAPED):**

Polyester



- Cold machine wash
- Drip dry in shade
- Do not soak or leave wet overnight
- Do not bleach or use strong detergents
- Do not iron
- Do not dry clean

**ALL OTHER POLOS:**

Polyester/cotton



- Warm gentle machine wash
- Wash with like colours
- Wash inside out
- Do not bleach or use strong detergents
- Do not soak
- Do not tumble dry
- Drip dry in shade
- Warm iron inside out
- Dry cleanable (P)

## CARE INSTRUCTION DEFINITIONS

### **Warm machine Wash**

Use water that is warm, typically around 30°C to 40°C (85°F to 105°F). This temperature is effective for cleaning while being gentle on the fabric.

### **Wash with like colours**

Wash the garment with other items of similar colours to prevent colour bleeding or transfer. For example, wash darks with darks, lights with lights, and avoid mixing bright or vibrant colours with whites.

### **Wash inside out**

Turn the garment inside out before washing. This protects the outer fabric or designs (such as prints or embroidery) from abrasion during the wash.

### **Do not bleach or use strong detergents**

Avoid using bleach or harsh cleaning products that can weaken fibers, fade colours, or damage embellishments. Opt for mild or colour-safe detergents.

### **Do not soak**

Do not leave the garment submerged in water for an extended period. Soaking can cause colours to bleed or the fabric to weaken, especially for delicate materials.

### **Do not tumble dry**

Avoid using a dryer, as the heat and tumbling action can shrink, distort, or damage the fabric.



### **Drip dry in shade**

After washing, hang the garment to dry naturally, letting water drip off. Dry in a shaded area to prevent direct sunlight from fading the fabric or altering its texture.

### **Warm iron inside out**

Use a warm (not hot) iron and press the garment inside out to protect any prints, embroidery, or delicate surfaces.

### **Dry cleanable (P)**

The garment can be professionally dry-cleaned, and the "(P)" indicates that only solvents suitable for "Professional Cleaning in Perchloroethylene" should be used. This is a common cleaning method for delicate or structured fabrics.

## A GUIDE TO GOING GREEN WITH YOUR UNIFORMS

You've got a tough job, but going green doesn't have to be! At Total Image Group (TIG), we're here to make sustainability easy, impactful, and even a little fun. By rocking a uniform, you're already reducing greenhouse gas emissions by up to 77%\* compared to casual wear. Ready to up your eco-game? Let's dive in!

### **Small Actions, Big Impact**

Want to keep your uniforms looking sharp and save the planet at the same time? Here's how:

- **Compost Those Satchels:** Our delivery satchels aren't just packaging—they're worm food! Pop them into your compost and watch them disappear.
- **Cold Water Saves the Day and your Energy Bills:** Wash your uniform in cold water to keep it fresh and avoid shrinkage (because no one likes tiny shirts).
- **Full Loads, Full Wins:** Throw in a full load of laundry to save water, energy, and detergent.
- **Air-Dry Like a Pro:** Forget the dryer—let the Aussie breeze do its magic while saving energy and dollars.
- **Sun-Smart Uniforms:** Protect your colours by drying uniforms inside out and in the shade.
- **Fix It First:** Got a loose button or a tiny tear? Channel your inner DIY guru and patch it up before recycling.



## Join the Green Team: Recycle, Repair, Return

### Recycle: Give Your Uniforms a New Life

Out with the old, but not into the bin! Recycling your uniform helps reduce landfill waste and carbon emissions.

Your options:

- Use our Clothing Recycle Postal Bags for hassle-free returns. <https://rcycl.com.au/collections/all>
- Collaborate with local recyclers—we're happy to connect you! EMAIL: [customerservice@totalimagegroup.com.au](mailto:customerservice@totalimagegroup.com.au)

### Repair: A Stitch in Time Saves the Planet

Uniforms are made to last, but a little TLC can stretch their life even further. Check out some quick repair hacks:

- **Button Drama?** Learn to reattach it [here](#).
- **Hem Hassles?** Fix it in a flash [here](#).
- **Small Holes?** Patch it up [here](#).

## Be Part of the Change

It's not just about wearing a uniform—it's about wearing your commitment to a greener future. Together, we can recycle, reuse, repurpose, and return to make a lasting impact.

Ready to join the TIG eco-mission? Let's get started today!