



## Reusable PPE Lab Coats and Jackets for OSHA Compliance



# 8 Tips for Maximizing Employee Protection and Safety While Wearing DenLine UltraLite™ Lab Coats

**Congratulations on selecting  
DenLine UltraLite™  
Fluid Resistant Coats for  
your applications.**

Properly worn, these coats will provide the wearer with protection against incidental splash of all aqueous liquids such as blood, bleach and aqueous other potentially infectious matter (OPIM).

Properly laundered and cared for, the coats will retain the fluid and stain resistant properties through 200+ washes...about 4 years laundered weekly, or 8 years laundered every other week.

These Tips are supplied to assist the USER when selecting, wearing, removing and dealing with coats that have a splash of blood or OPIM, as well as overall caring for the coat to maximize life.

Please read it carefully, and maintain a copy in your files for future reference.

**Call DenLine Uniforms Customer Service if questions  
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## 1 Selecting the Proper Coat Size



1. Choose a coat with proper Length Sleeves. Do so by pulling your glove over the cuff, and from a seated position, reach out and upward. If your coat is properly sized, your cuffs should not pull out of your gloves.
2. Choose a coat size that protects the Top of your Legs when Seated. When Seated, with the coat snapped from your neck down to the bottom of your torso/ top of your legs, the coat should cover the top of your legs.



Select a coat based on lower body/hip size, the fact it makes one look more flattering. DenLine Unisex Coats are designed full cut through the lower body so both sexes can comfortably wear. So, if you are slender through the hips/ lower body, selecting a coat that fits your lower body may result in a coat with arm length that is too short, and when you reach forward or upward, you pull out of your gloves.

## 2 When splashed with Blood or OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Matter) what should you do?



Remove your Coat ASAP. . . With your gloves on, always remove the coat by unsnapping, reaching forward, and pulling your arm out along with the glove. . . one arm at a time. . . and folding the front of the coat into itself. Place in designated laundry bag to be laundered.



**GROSS SPLASH** – Do not attempt to wipe the coat clean to remove the blood or OPIM.

**SMALL INCIDENTAL SPLASH** – Do not attempt to wipe blood or OPIM off the fabric while the coat is being worn.

While the coat has a repellent finish, and suspends aqueous liquids on the surface, wiping incidental splash while you are wearing the coat has the potential of pushing the blood or OPIM through the fabric, as the fabric is designed porous to allow it to breathe.

CONSULT WITH YOUR SAFETY OFFICER FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE SMALL INCIDENTAL SPLASH ON THESE LAB COATS.

## 3 Maximizing your Comfort...



1. Wear Tops with the highest % cotton as possible.
2. Wear your **coat one size larger** than you typically wear. . . this allows air circulation from below the coat to the upper body. . . helps keep you cool. LOOSER = COOLER



Don't wear Tops made of synthetic fabrics (i.e. rayon, nylon, polyester, etc.) or a tight fitting coat, this will only make you hot!

## 4 Cuffs on DenLine Coats...



DenLine Cuffs are made of spun woven polyester, terminate the sleeve at the wrist to prevent blood and OPIM from going up the inside of the sleeve. DenLine cuffs are "quick dry" if wet while washing hands, ideal for applications where you change out gloves frequently (i.e., dental).



Don't pull the cuffs up your arm. . . doing so on a repeated basis will stretch the cuffs and they will no longer fit snug at the wrist.

## 5 Pens and Markers, and Other Personal Items Left in Pockets... #1 Cause of Costly Coat Replacements.



Always remove Ink Pens, Markers, and other personal items (lipstick, etc.) from your pockets before putting your coats in the laundry bag for laundry pickup.

Under regulations, Laundry Personnel picking up your laundry are not to handle PPE Lab Coats used in bloodborne applications, thus coats you put in the laundry bag will be laundered without going through the pockets.

Be aware DenLine Coats are designed to be hot water washed (160°F/71°C) to sanitize the coats and remove body oils. At these temperatures, a pen left in the pocket will most likely explode in wash cycle with the potential of damaging all coats in the wash load.



Don't leave pens, markers and personal items in your pockets when turning in your coat to be laundered. . . forgetting this will be costly.

## 6 How Frequent Should You Launder DenLine Coats?



Assuming no incidental splash of blood or OPIM, nor obvious stains, most dental offices change minimum daily.

Lab coats are the same as wearing personal clothing when it comes to personal hygiene. . . our bodies sweat, and secrete oils where the fabric comes in contact with the skin (i.e. around the neck).

Be aware colors hide stains, sweat, and oils, and while the coats do not appear needing to be laundered, they do. . . and on a regular basis.

## 7 Laundering DenLine Coats...



For maximum coat life, follow the *DenLine Recommended Care Instructions*. If using an "outside" laundry, request the laundry provide you with written confirmation they are following these recommendations.

## 8 Testing DenLine Coats for Fluid Resistance...



Periodically use a spray bottle containing water to test your coats as being fluid resistant when returned from the laundry. If the coats are not fluid resistant, discuss with whomever launders your coats. If assistance needed to identify causal factor, contact DenLine at 800-336-5463.