

## **ODOR-INVISIBLE ENEMY (62)**

**A clean garment is one that is free of stains, soil and has no odor. Odor is one of the most common complaints that customers have. Bad odor can occur from a number of causes which includes staining, smoke and mildew. There are different remedies which can be used and it depends on the cause of the odor for its effectiveness. The following solutions to odor problems should be helpful.**

- (1) Bleach odor-Normal household bleach can never be removed in routine washing. The bleach attaches itself to the fabric and remains there even after repeated washings and rinses.**

**Solution-On the last rinse add about 10 ounces of white distilled vinegar. Household bleach is very unstable in the presence of vinegar and will readily dissipate. Rinse again to remove the vinegar odor.**

- (2) Perspiration odor-The odor of perspiration is very difficult to remove from garments. It is important to neutralize the fatty acids and remove the staining in order to remove the odor.**

**Solution-Rub on the affected area a solution of 4 parts water, ½ part detergent and 1 part household ammonia. Rinse the area thoroughly and blot up with a dry towel. Lysol spray is also very effective for removing perspiration and body odor. Apply a solution of 3 parts water, ½ part detergent and 1 part of white distilled vinegar. Rinse again with water and blot up with a dry towel.**

- (3) Smoke odor-If your garments have a smoke odor the best solution is to tumble them in a dryer and spray in a little household white distilled vinegar. Mix the vinegar in a spray bottle of 1 part vinegar to 1 part water. Spraying with some unscented Lysol spray is also effective for smoke odor.**

**Reminder-When attempting to remove perspiration stains make sure you test on an unexposed area for color safety. It is also wise to remember that difficult odor and stains on fabrics should be handled by your professional drycleaner.**