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1 Wash your feet every day

Use warm water

Test the water with your elbow



Use soap



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2 Keep in between your toes healthy

Put methylated spirit between your toes

- The methylated spirits keeps between you toes dry.
- The methylated spirits stops mould and fungus growing



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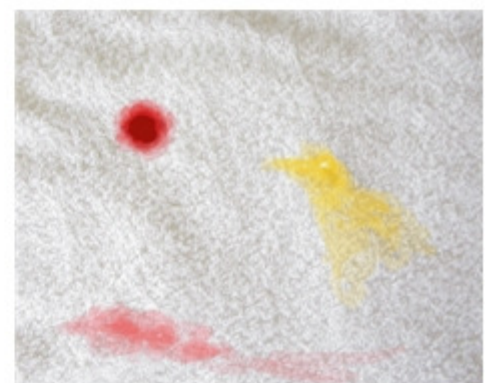
Use a clean towel



Dry between your toes



Check your towel for blood or puss



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- 4** Rub cream into your feet 2 times a day.

The cream will help stop your skin drying up and cracking. This will keep the skin soft



Don't put cream between your toes



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- 5** Put a new pair of clean socks on each day.

If your socks get very sweaty or wet, wash & dry your feet then put a new clean pair of socks on.

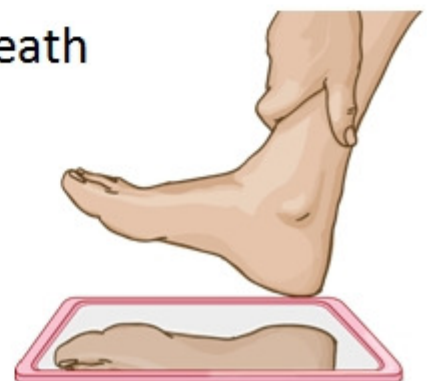


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- 6** If you can't check your own feet get someone to help you

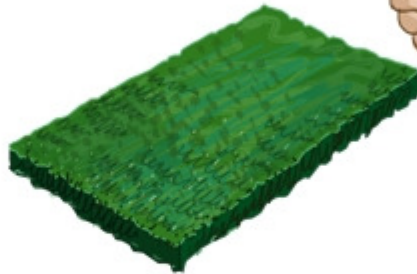
Use a mirror to check underneath



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7 Gently rub hard skin with a scrubbing pad



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8 Keep your toenails smooth
Use a sandpaper nail file



Have your toenails cut by either:

- **The high risk foot clinic,**
or
- **Your podiatrist**



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9 **Never** cut your own nails until you have talked to the podiatrist or nurse



They will tell you if you can cut your own toe nails



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Purpose of resource:

To describe how to look after your feet.

The story is relevant for people with different kinds of diabetes.

Key health competencies:

After using the resource a client should be able to show or tell you about:

- How to wash their feet.
- Keep between their toes healthy.
- Why you need to use a clean towel & look for blood or pus on the towel after it has been used .
- How to use skin cream on their feet
- The importance of wearing a pair of new socks every day & changing socks if they get wet or sweaty.
- Getting someone to help them check their feet & how to use a mirror so they can see underneath their feet.
- How to remove hard skin safely..
- How to keep their toenails smooth.
- To always getting their toenails cut at the high risk foot clinic or by a podiatrist.
- Never cutting their own nails unless they have talked to the podiatrist or nurse first

Related resources

- Looking after your feet– Posters
- Looking after your feet– Yarn cards
- Looking after your feet– Picture yarn
- Looking after your feet– Test cards
- Foot care– Body parts

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