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OBJECTIVE: To ensure that lost and found items are kept safe allowing sufficient time for guests to claim their belongings.

PROCEDURE: The Housekeeping Department is the custodian of all Lost and Found articles.

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What	How	Why	
1. Lost & Found Articles	Handed to the housekeeping department with the following details: - Date when found - Description of article - Name of finder - Location	To ensure all items are logged in the book correctly.	
2. Washable items	All washable items are laundered before being stored.	To avoid damage and smells	
3. Lost & Found Classification	Classified as follows: - Valuable Items: jewelry, money, cameras etc. - Non-Valuable Items: Cloths, shoes, books - Perishable Items: Foodstuffs, fruit, juices	To ensure items are stored and logged according to classification.	
4. Length of storage	 -Valuable Items – logged as stored in 'Safe' & kept for 1 year. Credit Cards should be kept for 24 hours and then sent to the bank. -Non-Valuable Items – Kept in the Lost & Found Cupboard for 6 months. -Perishable items – Kept for a minimum of 2 days 	To ensure guests have ample time to reclaim items.	
5. Labeling	A duplicate Lost & Found slip is filled out. The top copy to be securely attached to the item. The 2nd copy remains in the book as a follow up	Ease of locating items and control.	