CLEANING

Cleaning safely

Clean Hands
Food safety in your language

Use the right product in the right way. Keep it away from food.

1 CLEAN



Step 1: clean

- Remove food, grease and dirt
- Use hot soapy water or detergent
- Detergent removes dirt but does not kill germs

Why? Disinfectant does not work well on a dirty surface.

2 DISINFECT



Step 2: disinfect

- Use disinfectant on the clean surface
- Look for BS EN 1276 or BS EN 13697 on the label
- Dilute it as the label says

Why? These standards show that the product kills bacteria.

3 WAIT



Leave it on long enough

- Leave it on for the time on the label
- Then rinse or wipe it, if the label says to
- Less time can leave germs alive

Why? The product needs time to kill germs.

4 STORAGE



Away from food

- Keep chemicals in labelled containers
- Never use food containers for chemicals
- Never mix products, such as bleach and acid

Why? Mixed products can make a toxic gas. Chemicals in food can poison people.

CLOTHS

Use disposable cloths.
Throw them away after each task. Wash reusable cloths on a very hot cycle.

SCHEDULE

Follow a cleaning schedule.
Write what to clean, how often and which product to use. Keep a record.

Based on Food Standards Agency and NHS advice.
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