

Overview

This unit is about cleaning washrooms and involves following the procedures for entering the washroom, selecting equipment and preparing the cleaning agents you will use. It is also about replacing supplies of consumables, such as toilet paper, and checking your work when you have finished.

In order to reduce risks to personal health and safety when cleaning washrooms it is important to maintain high levels of personal hygiene. As you may clean washrooms in an environment where you conduct a variety of other cleaning tasks it is also important that, in order to prevent cross-contamination, the correct colour-coded equipment is used.

The term washroom covers all sanitary areas requiring this type of cleaning.

This unit consists of two elements:

- 1. Carry out cleaning of washrooms
- 2. Replenish supplies and reinstate the work area

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Performance criteria	Cari	ry out cleaning of washrooms
You must be able to:	P1	ensure that levels of personal hygiene meet workplace requirements and are maintained when carrying out the work
	P2	check that the correct personal protective equipment for the cleaning task is available for use and worn when conducting cleaning
	P3	follow any special procedures for entering washrooms
	P4	before you start work make sure that there is enough ventilation in the area while you are cleaning
	P5	select and use the colour coded equipment and colour coded cloths for the area you are cleaning
	P6	before you start, remove loose dust, hair and debris from surfaces, fixtures and fittings
	P7	dilute and apply cleaning agents according to the manufacturer's instructions
	P8	clean the surface methodically, without over-wetting
	P9	clean the fixtures and fittings in an order that is least likely to spread infection or contamination, leaving them clean and free of smears
	P10	ensure surfaces are dry on completion of cleaning and do not present a slip hazard
	P11	leave the waste outlets and overflows free from dirt, hair and debris
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You must be able to:	P12	check holders and containers for levels of consumables
	P13	follow the manufacturer's instructions when refilling or replacing items
	P14	deal with waste appropriately, disposing of slurry and taking solid waste materials safely to the correct collection point
	P15	make sure the area has the right amount of consumables when you have finished
	P16	on completion of cleaning, report any faults and problems to the appropriate person
	P17	ensure cleaning equipment is clean and in working order when you have finished, taking appropriate action to deal with any items that are not
	P18	put everything back in the right place when you have finished
	P19	remove or replace personal protective equipment following workplace procedures to dispose of or store used personal protective equipment

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Knowledge and understanding	Carry out cleaning of washrooms
You need to know and understand:	K1 the levels of personal hygiene required by your workplace and why it is important to maintain personal hygiene when conducting cleaning tasks
	K2 why it is important to wear personal protective equipment when cleaning washrooms and the risks of not doing so
	K3 the workplace procedures for entering and leaving washrooms and why these should be followed
	K4 why there should be adequate ventilation in the work area and the risks of inadequate ventilation
	K5 the most suitable equipment for the cleaning task and why it is important to use the appropriately colour-coded equipment
	K6 why loose dust, hair and debris should be removed before cleaning surfaces, fixtures and fittings
	K7 the most suitable cleaning agents to use and why it is important to follow manufacturer's instructions for diluting and applying them
	K8 why surfaces should not be over-wetted
	K9 the most appropriate order in which to clean fixtures and fittings so as to avoid cross contamination or risk of infection
	K10 why surfaces should be dry on completion of cleaning and the risks of not doing so
	K11 why it is important to ensure that waste outlets and overflows are free from dirt, hair and debris and where these can be found
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You need to know and understand:	K12 the consumables that should be replenished and why it is important to follow manufacturer's instructions when doing so
	K13 where consumables can be found and the correct procedures for organising replacement or additional supplies
	K14 workplace procedures for disposing of waste and why these should be followed
	K15 holding areas for the collection of waste
	K16 the correct procedures for reporting faults or problems and why these should be followed
	 K17 the correct place for the storage of cleaning equipment and materials K18 why used personal protective equipment should be removed or replaced upon leaving the sanitary area
	K19 the workplace procedures for dealing with used personal protective equipment

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