

CLEANING, SANITIZING AND DISINFECTING OCTOBER SAFETY SEGMENT



Cleaning, sanitizing or disinfecting...What's the difference. The idea is to make the surface clean of anything that could make us sick, this includes dirt, viruses, anything biological etc. How we do that can be very different. Some cleaners are made just to make sure the surface is clean, like cleaning a mirror, while others will get rid of viruses but only on hard surfaces. Make sure you know the difference of what can be used where and what it is good for, if you are not sure make sure to read the information on the bottle or the SDS sheet.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE

DIRECTIONS

We need to know what we need to do between cleaning dirt and sanitizing or disinfecting for viruses. They might all look like we are doing the same thing but it is important to know the difference. Look at the [CSD Poster](#) and facilitate discussion using the guiding questions below.

SAFETY SEGMENT DISCUSSION

Guiding Questions:

- Can you list the chemicals we use for cleaning?
- Do you know if they sanitize or disinfect as well?
- Do we need any specific PPE when we are using the different chemicals?
- Do you know which items can be sanitized and which would have to be disinfected?

Notes to the Team Leader:

- Facilitate an atmosphere of support and openness to feedback by encouraging the staff to share experiences or opinions without fear of reprisal.



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