

Fire Station Cleaning and Disinfection

Cleaning Process for Fire Stations, Workspaces and Offices

Environmental Cleaning (work environment)

Cleaning must always be completed before disinfection. Frequently clean and disinfect potentially contaminated and commonly used surfaces with regular household cleaners.

These surfaces include:

telephone handsets, mobile phone, keyboards, faucets, table and desktops, doorknobs/handles; light switches

Viruses can survive on hard non-porous surfaces for 24 to 48 hours, during which time they can spread to human hands. Recent literature on influenza survival on dry surfaces determined that the virus may survive for longer periods, in some cases, up to months, on a variety of materials. Although influenza viruses survive on hands for three to five minutes, touching contaminated surfaces followed by touching the eyes, nose or mouth can result in self-inoculation.

Influenza viruses can be removed from surfaces by routine cleaning practices that use detergent-based cleaners (e.g., dish soap) or disinfectants. As a result, frequent cleaning of potentially contaminated surfaces, such as commonly touched surfaces, will potentially protect others sharing the same space.

Decontamination Process for Fire Stations, Workspaces and Offices

Disinfection is a process which kills pathogenic microorganisms (with the exception of bacterial spores) on a surface. The level of disinfection required is determined by the degree of contact and the contamination risk.

Disinfection requires surface cleaning to remove soiling, followed by application of the disinfectant. Allow a disinfectant to remain on the surface for at least five minutes.

NOTE: It is extremely important to follow the manufacturer's instructions when using cleaning and disinfection products. If the disinfectant is not used for the recommended length of time you will not achieve the required level of disinfection and the item will remain contaminated. After the appropriate contact time, wipe the surfaces dry with a clean, disposable cloth

Ensure to wipe down personal equipment also. (pens, staplers, punch etc.) and wash or cleanse your hands when complete.