

# Unit 4223-101 Deep cleaning of internal equipment, surfaces and areas

**Level:** 2  
**Credit value:** 4  
**UAN number:** T/502/2287

## Unit aim

Deep clean is the removal of all soil and protective finishes from surfaces, which could be walls, windows, furniture, floors and items of equipment

## Learning outcomes

There are **three** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

- 1 be able to prepare for deep cleaning of internal equipment, surfaces and areas
- 2 be able to carry out deep cleaning of internal equipment, surfaces and areas
- 3 be able to check cleaning and resources, dispose of waste and return equipment and items.

## Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **32** hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

## Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national standards

This unit is linked to the NOS Cleaning and Support Services unit 012.

## Assessment

This unit will be assessed by:

- an assignment covering practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

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## Assessment criteria

### Outcome 1 be able to prepare for deep cleaning of internal equipment, surfaces and areas

The learner can:

1. assess the **area** and **items** to be cleaned
2. select the **cleaning method, equipment and materials** to use
3. correctly prepare cleaning chemicals for use.
4. describe what is meant by **deep cleaning**
5. explain the purpose of a work schedule
6. explain the **importance of thorough preparation** before cleaning
7. describe **how to prepare work areas**
8. explain the process for reporting damaged or deteriorating surfaces
9. describe correct cleaning methods, equipment and materials to use for different **soil types and surfaces**
10. explain the **importance of pre-testing areas to be cleaned**
11. list the **factors that might affect the cleaning method**
12. explain the **importance of isolating appropriate powered equipment before cleaning**
13. explain the **importance of ventilating the work area**
14. list **personal protective equipment for deep cleaning.**

#### Range

#### Area

Equipment or internal area that has been identified for deep cleaning, ie over and above routine or cosmetic cleaning, including furniture, fixtures, fittings, floors, walls

#### Items

Internal equipment (eg in food environments, clinical environments, offices)

#### Cleaning method, equipment and materials

Cleaning method – fogging, agitate cleaning, scrubbing, suction cleaning, damp cleaning, application of special treatments (stain removers, de-greasers, de-scalers), pressure washing, steam cleaning, scraping, brushing, mop sweeping, barrier cleaning, carpet/upholstery shampooing, stripping and sealing, sanding, vitrification, high level cleaning (eg wall washing)

Equipment – cloths, buckets, mopping equipment, suction cleaners, shampoos, rotary machines and pads/brushes, pressure/steam cleaners with attachments, wet pickup, microfibre cloths, scrapers, stepladders, warning signs, dust sheets/floor protection sheets

Materials – chemicals, special treatments, hard surface cleaners, disinfectants, sanitizers, carpet shampoo, stain removal chemicals, acid cleaner, detergent, polishes, caustic soda

#### Deep cleaning

Specialised, non-routine cleaning of equipment and surfaces

#### Importance of thorough preparation

Ensuring there are means to prevent cross-contamination, health and safety (eg for risk assessment), personal security, being able to carry out cleaning efficiently, time management, accessibility, minimizing time out of service, maintaining Food Safety legislation in food areas

### **How to prepare work areas**

Appropriate use of signage (eg cordons, warning tape), isolation of equipment, use of permits/checks/documentation/authorisation in preparation to enter areas, follow manufacturer's/organisation procedures for equipment, follow health and safety legislation/guidance, informing designated persons of work taking place

### **Soil types and surfaces**

Surfaces – furniture, fixtures and fittings, equipment, walls and floors (porous and non-porous), soft floors and furnishings, stainless steel surfaces, tiled surfaces, windows and glazed surfaces  
Soil types – dust and dirt, food debris, liquid stains (including drinks, oils, inks), food pest debris, bodily fluids, human waste/soiling, body fats, heavy duty stains and grease deposits, organic, non-organic, limescale, other excessive or impacted soiling

### **Importance of pre-testing areas to be cleaned**

To ensure suitability of cleaning chemicals for surfaces

### **Factors that might affect the cleaning method**

Surface, condition of surface, type of soiling, degree of soiling, location of soiling, equipment/time/trained staff available

### **Importance of isolating appropriate powered equipment before cleaning**

Health and safety legislation, prevention of accident/injury or 'near misses', to follow organisational procedures, liability

### **Importance of ventilating the work area**

To prevent build up of fumes, to speed up drying process, to freshen area

### **Personal protective equipment for deep cleaning**

Disposable gloves, gauntlets, suitable footwear, uniform, high visibility work wear, goggles/visors, ear defenders, specialist PPE (eg breathing equipment, hard hats, hairnets/beard covers, aprons)

## **Outcome 2 be able to carry out deep cleaning of internal equipment, surfaces and areas**

The learner can:

1. use correct **cleaning methods** for deep cleaning internal equipment, surfaces and areas
2. use **correct procedures for pre-treating an area for heavy soiling or stains.**
3. explain the **importance of cleaning procedures**
4. describe correct **cleaning methods** for deep cleaning internal equipment, surfaces and areas
5. explain the **importance of removing dust and debris before deep cleaning**
6. explain the importance of cleaning to prescribed standards
7. explain the **consequences of using incorrect materials, equipment and cleaning methods**
8. explain the importance of completing work in a timely manner
9. explain the **importance of minimizing the inconvenience** to customers, colleagues and the general public
10. describe **procedures that can be taken to minimize inconvenience.**

### **Range**

### **Cleaning methods**

Fogging, agitate, scrub/suction and clean, damp cleaning, barrier cleaning, application of special treatments (eg de-greaser, de-scaler), pressure washing, steam cleaning, scraping, brushing, mop sweeping

### **Correct procedures for pre-treating an area for heavy soiling or stains**

Identify soiling/stain, check with supervisor that pre-treatment and associated cleaning can be carried out, choose correct cleaning material (progressive use from mild to strong as necessary), use according to manufacturer's recommendations/instructions (eg for right amount of time), using correct PPE as necessary, ventilating area as necessary

### **Importance of cleaning procedures**

To ensure a systematic approach to cleaning, so that cleaning is consistently successful, to maintain expected standards

### **Importance of removing dust and debris before deep cleaning**

To achieve satisfactory cleaning results, to be able to assess the area for cleaning, to prevent damage to equipment and surfaces

### **Consequences of using incorrect materials, equipment and cleaning methods**

Consequences – accident or near miss or injury, breaches of health and safety (eg near misses), damage to surfaces, cost of equipment, downtime of equipment (affect on production, affect on business), training, replacement of surfaces/equipment, labour costs, liability for damage, to preserve manufacturer's warranty on equipment and surfaces (including cleaning equipment)

Cleaning method – fogging, agitate, scrub/suction and clean, damp cleaning, barrier cleaning, application of special treatments (eg de-greaser, de-scaler), pressure washing, steam cleaning, scraping, brushing, mop sweeping

Equipment – cloths, buckets, mopping equipment, suction cleaners, shampooers, rotary machines and pads/brushes, pressure/steam cleaners with attachments, wet pickup, microfibre cloths, scrapers, stepladders, warning signs

Materials – chemicals, special treatments, hard surface cleaners, disinfectants, sanitizers, carpet shampoo, stain removal chemicals, acid cleaner, detergent, polishes, caustic soda

### **Importance of minimizing the inconvenience**

Health and safety, to maintain good service, to maintain service level agreements (SLAs)

### **Procedures that can be taken to minimize inconvenience**

Preparation for cleaning to ensure all appropriate equipment/materials are available, cleaning is carried out in a logical, methodical manner, carrying out cleaning at the appropriate time and place, and within agreed timescales, appropriate use of signage, appropriate size of equipment

## **Outcome 3    be able to check cleaning and resources, dispose of waste and return equipment and items.**

The learner can:

1. check deep cleaning and take any necessary actions
2. return **items** to their original position
3. reinstate the area after cleaning
4. clean, check and return **equipment** in good order to secure storage areas
5. dispose of waste correctly.
6. explain the **importance of checking area and items after deep cleaning**
7. describe the procedures for reporting damage to equipment, surfaces and premises
8. explain **why equipment and materials should be returned** in good order to a secure storage area
9. state procedures for re-instating rooms

10. describe **how to dispose of waste correctly**
11. describe the **procedures for ordering and replacing resources.**

### **Range**

### **Items**

Internal equipment (eg in food environments, clinical environments, offices)

### **Equipment**

Cloths, buckets, mopping equipment, suction cleaners, shampooers, rotary machines and pads/brushes, pressure/steam cleaners with attachments, wet pickup, microfibre cloths, scrapers, stepladders, warning signs

### **Importance of checking area and items after deep cleaning**

To ensure cleaning has been carried out correctly, to maintain health and safety (due to access), to ensure area and equipment are ready to be used safely and hygienically

### **Why cleaning equipment and materials should be returned**

To ensure they are available for use, secure and are not misused

### **How to dispose of waste correctly**

Waste slurry and used chemicals are disposed of following manufacturer's instructions, environmental concerns and legislation; by use of correct colour-coded bag or appropriate waste container, labelled appropriately, correct and secure storage/collection point

### **Procedures for ordering and replacing resources**

Procedures – informing supervisor verbally, use of requisition form

Resources – consumables, cleaning chemicals and equipment