Cleaning

Product Storage

All cleaning products should be stored in such a manner that they do not have the chance to cause chemical contamination of food. For this reason cleaning products should be stored:

- In an area separate from food storage and preparation;
- If chemicals cannot be stored in separate areas, they should be well secured and stored below food products;
- All chemicals should be stored in line with appropriate Workplace Health & Safety requirements.

Product Type

Before using cleaning chemicals you must ensure the following:

- Chemicals are food grade (check with supplier);
- Manufacturers' instructions are followed to ensure the product is safe to use with food;
- All chemical containers are correctly labeled to ensure that they can be and are used correctly.

Missed Areas

The following areas are commonly missed during cleaning:

- Behind, beneath and the underside of benches, refrigerators, freezers, cooking equipment etc
- Inside cold rooms
- Any other hard to reach areas

Cleaning Tips

The following is recommended to ensure premises are maintained in a clean and hygienic manner:

- Ensure the premises is clean before going home each day;
- Start high and work your way down;
- Implement a cleaning schedule (refer Food Fact Sheet No. 15)

Cleaning Important Points

- Ensure chemicals are stored in areas where there is no chance that they will cause contamination of food.
- Ensure all food chemicals are food grade, labelled and are used as per the manufacturers' instructions.
- Ensure all areas are cleaned including hard to reach areas and under and behind large equipment, benches and cooking equipment.
- Follow a cleaning roster each day to ensure no areas are missed and premises are left clean at the end of each day.

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