

# Clean Supply Areas Safety Huddle

## Accreditation Standard

Clean supply rooms and areas that are used to store sterile supplies are typically cleaned daily by Environmental Services (EVS) or Janitorial staff. This includes removing garbage, cleaning and disinfecting floors, door handles, light switches and other high touch surfaces. But what about shelves?

Canadian Standards Association guidelines recommend quarterly cleaning and disinfecting, including shelving.



## How to keep clean supply areas clean:

- Always keep the door closed.
- Always perform hand hygiene before entering.
- Never store supplies on the floor.

## Did you know?

Regular cleaning of clean supply rooms is audited by IPAC and MDR.

Corrugated cardboard and shipping boxes can harbour moisture, pests (including mice and insects), and fungal and bacterial contamination from transport and storage. For this reason, they must never enter or be stored in clean supply rooms. Supplies must be decanted from corrugated cardboard or shipping boxes outside these areas.

Items may remain in their original manufacturer packaging but should never be topped up.



## Resources

[Corrugated Cardboard Boxes](#)

## Discussion topics

Who is responsible for cleaning shelves in your clean supply room?

Does your site have a checklist in place, if yes, where is it kept?



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