

# Damp Mopping



## PURPOSE:

To remove dirt and germs from floors after dry mopping

## MATERIALS:

- Disposable gloves
- If needed:
  - Disposable gown
  - Disposable mask with eye protection
  - Heavy duty or utility gloves
- Prepared Cleaner/Disinfectant solution in mop bucket
- Mop and wringer
- Mop heads
- Wet floor sign



## CLEANING STEPS

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### Do a Risk Assessment

- Determine risk of exposure to germs and the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for the task.
- Wear the correct PPE to safely do the job.

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- Shift easily moved items out of the way to make cleaning easier (chairs and small tables).
- Keep hallways and entrances to rooms clear of clutter.
- Dry mopping is done before damp mopping.

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- Clean up blood and body fluids spills as outlined in Blood and Body Fluid Spills procedure.
- Remove your dirty gloves and do hand hygiene immediately after cleaning a spill.
- Change the Cleaning/Disinfectant solution.
- Put on a clean pair of gloves before starting next task.

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- Set up wet floor sign before cleaning the floor.

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- Start each shift with clean mop heads.
- Put mop in cleaning solution and wring out so it is not dripping wet.



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- Push mop around baseboards first, with attention to removing dirt from corners.

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- In open areas use a figure eight stroke, overlapping each stroke while slowly stepping backwards as you mop:
  - Avoid twisting at the waist
  - Turn mop head over every 5 or 6 strokes
  - Mop a 3 meter by 3 meter (9 feet x 9 feet) area, then rinse and wring mop
  - Repeat until entire floor is done
  - Leave the floor visibly WET as you damp mop.
- Allow the floor to air dry.

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- Change Cleaner/Disinfectant solution and mop head frequently:
  - After cleaning 4 rooms
  - After cleaning a heavily soiled or dirty area
  - When solution is cloudy, visibly soiled or it smells bad
  - After cleaning up a blood or body fluid spill
- Put dirty mop heads in a container and laundry at the end of the shift.



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- Remove wet floor sign when floor is dry.
- Set up the furniture if it was moved for the floor cleaning.

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**Before you leave each area:**

- Remove gloves and put in garbage.
- Do hand hygiene.

