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News

Office cleaning standards a victim of the recession



A survey of 1,000 workers by support services firm resource GB has revealed that two out of every five organisations have had to cut back on cleaning in their offices because of the recession.

The research displayed a culture of dangerously poor hygiene in workplaces across the UK, which can lead to the spread of bacteria and add to the costly and damaging problem of absenteeism through ill-health.

The research showed that half of all employees who took part in the research said they were embarrassed about clients or customers visiting their work premises because of a lack of cleanliness.

Meanwhile, ten per cent of those polled described their office toilets as "filthy"; a quarter claimed that their colleagues did not clean up after themselves and over a third complained that poor hygiene was making their working environment unsafe.

Loo of the Year Awards winners announced

McDonald's won the much coveted UK Overall Winners Trophy at the Loo of the Year Awards held at the beginning of December in Birmingham.

Mike Bone, the awards managing director, reflected on their victory: "This shows the UK's restaurant and hospitality sectors are placing increasing importance on the provision of first class toilets that contain the facilities their customers need and expect when visiting their premises".

McDonald's has continued to improve the quality of their customer toilets since winning National Awards in previous years, while entries for the 2009 Loo of the Year Awards remained at a high level despite the economic climate, with over 1,500 entries received.

For details on all the winners and photos from the day please see the Awards' [website](#).



BCC Chairman Steve Wright presenting an award

The Diary

Keep Britain Tidy: Becoming an Eco-School, throughout 2010

Keep Britain Tidy are hosting a number of dates across the UK as part of their eco-schools campaign. The day aims to increase understanding and awareness of the Eco-Schools program and its links to sustainability, to eventually enable schools to progress to a Green Flag award.

The events schedule will include sections on improving knowledge of sustainability issues and what constitutes an Eco-School, identifying the issues within school's and developing an action plan to help focus activity on measures which reduce their school's carbon footprint

For further information on the scheduled dates, please see Keep Britain Tidy's [website](#).

CIWM: Duty of care for controlled waste course, 2nd February

This one day Northampton based course offers attendees the first step in understanding the Duty of Care for controlled waste legislation which affects every business in the UK which produces or handles controlled waste.

This course runs in response to a new revised Code of Practice and has been constructed to increase the confidence of all affected businesses in fulfilling their obligations. The day provides practical up-to-date advice on the legislation and how to comply with the regulations in conjunction with the new code of practice.

To find out more about this event please visit CIWM's [website](#)

CIEH: Cleaning in Food Premises Workshop, 11th February

A one-day workshop to support the delivery of the new CIEH Level 2 Award Cleaning in Food Premises qualification has been scheduled for Thursday 11th February in Manchester.

CIEH findings established that effective cleaning is essential to get rid of harmful bacteria and stop them spreading to food. By combining case studies and practical sessions, the training workshop aims to illustrate how to bring life to the syllabus while ensuring the key messages relating to food hygiene are imparted to candidates.

For further information on the day and the new qualification please visit the CIEH [website](#).