

What Does Your Cleaning Trolley Say About You?



When was the last time **YOU** the business owner or manager inspected the condition of the cleaning trolleys used by your cleaners?

Are you aware of the implications for your business if cleaning staff do not maintain or use cleaning trolleys to the required standards?

A well organised and hygienically maintained cleaning trolley will greatly assist your cleaner to be more efficient and effective in performing their cleaning tasks, saving **YOU** time and money.

Cleaning trolleys should be of sufficient size to hold cleaning chemicals, equipment and supplies for a cleaner to do their job without making unnecessary trips to the cleaner's room to restock.

A functional cleaning trolley should also contribute to improved worker productivity. Cleaning staff should be thinking ahead and setting up their trolley so it maximises its usefulness.

Train your staff to think about multiple cleaning tasks this will enable them to efficiently stock a trolley so that the necessary equipment and supplies are available for cleaning.

As trolleys can be visible to the public, cleaners should be trained to keep them tidy.

The appearance of a cleaning trolley is important but the emphasis needs to be on productivity and safety in the cleaning program. A tidy and well organised cleaning trolley is much safer.

Worker safety is of importance, as is the safety of others in the building, such as other employees, sick patients in hospitals or visitors.

Care must be taken to prevent any item from being taken from a trolley. Cleaners need to be able to secure supplies in a locking compartment when the trolley is left unattended.

Another aspect often overlooked is the cleanliness of the trolleys themselves. Trolleys can carry microbes from one room or area to the next and cross contaminate and potentially spread disease. Trolleys should be cleaned and sanitised daily, as well as spot cleaned when necessary.

When buying a cleaning trolley customise where you can and build in flexibility to give cleaners more freedom to change things as the circumstance requires.

