Safe Handling, Use and Disposal of Chemical Disinfectants and Cleaning Agents

- **Seek training** on the proper ways to handle and use chemical agents safely
- Carefully **read and follow all the directions** on the label
- Select the **correct chemical agent** for cleaning and/or disinfecting
- Check the **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)** for more information about the chemical agent

- **Never** eat, drink, breathe or inject chemical cleaning agents into the body or apply to the skin

- Be aware:
  - **all chemical agents can be harmful** if not used safely and as directed
  - **chemicals can cause burns, breathing difficulties, poisoning and death**

Pay attention to the labels and hazard statements
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- Read and follow the directions on how to dilute the chemical agent **before application**
- Open windows and doors to allow **fresh air** in when diluting and using chemical agents
- Avoid mixing chemical agents
- Clearly **label** chemical solutions
- **Store** chemical agents in durable containers, according to the directions on the label
- Keep out of reach from children and pets
- Wear **appropriate personal protective equipment**, e.g. gloves, goggles, face masks, etc., when handling chemical agents
- Read the label for **safe disposal** of chemical solutions
- Contact **Solid Waste Management Agency** for safe disposal of expired chemical agents