

# Mental Health Safety Furniture

### Maintaining Your Furniture

For regular upkeep, simply use a soft cloth. For a more thorough clean, multipurpose cleaning wipes or gentle household detergents work well. Degreasers and anti-bacterial cleaners are also suitable. However, it's important to avoid abrasive materials or harsh cleaning agents, as these can scratch and dull the surfaces, compromising both appearance and safety.

### The Difference Between Cleaning and Disinfecting

#### Cleaning

Cleaning removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces but does not kill germs. This step is essential as it reduces the number of germs and lowers the risk of spreading infection.

#### Disinfecting

Disinfecting involves using approved chemicals and disinfectants to kill germs on surfaces. This process further reduces the risk of spreading infection by eliminating germs left after cleaning.

### **Disinfecting Your Furniture**

To keep your furniture safe and clean, it's crucial to increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting, especially in high-traffic and high-touch areas. Pay special attention to frequently touched areas such as handles, armrests, and tabletops. Start by cleaning surfaces and objects that are visibly soiled to remove dirt and impurities, which helps disinfectants work more effectively. Then, use a disinfectant, such as alcohol-based wipes or sprays with at least 70% alcohol.

# **Using Bleach Safely**

Bleach can be used for disinfecting your furniture. Mix a 10% bleach solution by combining five tablespoons of bleach per gallon of water. Apply this solution to the surface, allowing it to sit for two minutes before wiping it off, or-let it air dry. Always ensure proper ventilation when using bleach and avoid mixing it with ammonia or other cleaners.

# **Deep Cleaning Considerations**

For deeper cleaning, steam cleaning and jet washing can be effective but should be used sparingly to avoid affecting the surface finish. Additionally, use caution with bleach and chlorine disinfectants, as they can be harsh on the materials.

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