

Kaivac Says Study's Significance Gets Second Look...Mops Found Guilty

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Hamilton, OH - A study conducted late last year has recently received renewed attention not because of what was revealed but because of what appears to be the cause of the problem discovered.

In September 2010, England's Leeds Metropolitan University Faculty of Health Department reported that the kitchen floor of an average student house contains more bacteria than a public toilet.*

Along with evaluating students' kitchen floors, the researchers also tested kitchen floors belonging to:

- Retired couples
- Single professionals
- Younger couples with no children
- Couples with children (some with pets as well)

The amount of bacteria found on the different floors varied. The most contaminated were those of married couples with children and pets. This was followed by the student kitchen floors.**

Upon closer examination, the study revealed much of the contamination was caused by the mops used to clean the floors.

In fact, in some cases "the floor was actually more infested with bacteria after the floor had been mopped," wrote the researchers.

The mop head tested was found to contain more than eight million bacteria per 100 cm2.

"This reinforces a number of recent U.S. studies," says Tom Morrison, Vice President of Marketing for Kaivac, developers of the Omniflex Crossover Cleaning system.

"Traditional cleaning tools, especially mops, don't always solve the problem. Instead, they may actually be the cause of the problem."

Morrison adds that this is why some jansan manufacturers are looking into ways to eliminate mopping and mopping procedures altogether.

"Just because a [cleaning] tool or procedure has been used for [a long time] does not mean this should continue," he adds. "We must continually reevaluate all aspects of cleaning to make sure we are achieving our ultimate goal: protecting human health."

*It was estimated an average-sized student kitchen floor housed roughly six million bacteria.

**The least contaminated kitchen floors were those of single professionals and couples without children and retired couples.

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