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World's Germiest Places

Don't Kiss the Blarney Stone

Hamilton, OH - We in the professional cleaning industry hear about germs every day. But have you ever wondered about the "germiest" places in the world?

The Forensic Science Technician, an organization that promotes the teaching of forensic sciences, has compiled a list of the 50 germiest places in the world, some of which are everyday locations, while others are a little less common.

The top 10 germiest everyday places include:

1. Portable toilets
2. Kitchen sinks
3. Door handles
4. Underwear
5. Purses and handbags
6. Hotel linens and towels
7. Computer keyboards
8. Communal office equipment/workstations
9. Cell phones; and

10. Kitchen sponges.

Some of the more unusual germiest spots include:

1. The Blarney Stone in Ireland, kissed by thousands of tourists each year
2. Baku, Azerbaijan, considered the world's germiest/dirtiest city
3. Oscar Wilde's grave in Paris, which tourists traditionally kiss
4. Airplane bathrooms
5. Health care facilities and nursing homes
6. Vacuum cleaner bags
7. Beds (beds are practically Petri dishes, according to the report)
8. Murder/suicide scenes
9. Automatic teller machines; and
10. Money.

"There is not much our industry can do about cleaning up the Blarney Stone," says Matt Morrison, Communications Manager for Kaivac, developers of the No-Touch Cleaning® system. "But there is a lot we can do to hygienically clean and sanitize toilets, door handles, and other surfaces."

For instance, to clean high-touch surfaces, Morrison encourages cleaning professionals to use flat-surface cleaning systems that combines microfiber, a window squeegee, and chemical injection technologies.

Additionally, he advises using the new generation of microfiber "smart towels" that can be folded into quadrants, allowing a fresh section to be used for each cleaning task.

"If disinfectants are necessary, use broad-spectrum disinfectants, effective against a variety of disease-causing germs," Morrison adds. "However, many of these areas can now be sanitized without chemicals using spray

and vac cleaning systems considered "sanitizing devices" based on EPA* criteria.

* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

About Kaivac, Inc.

Headquartered in Hamilton, Ohio, Kaivac, Inc. delivers complete science-based cleaning systems designed to produce healthy results and outcomes while raising the value of cleaning operations and the dignity of the worker. The originator of No-Touch Cleaning®, Kaivac offers an integrated portfolio of environmentally friendly cleaning products designed to remove the maximum amount of soil and potentially harmful biopollutants in the most cost-effective manner possible. For more information, visit www.kaivac.com.

About No-Touch Cleaning®

Designed to remove the maximum amount of soil, bacteria, and other biopollution, Kaivac's patented No-Touch Cleaning systems combine an indoor pressure washer, a powerful wet vacuum and chemistry into an integrated system. Empowering workers to hygienically clean without touching contaminated surfaces, these systems not only clean better, but also cut labor, chemical, and equipment costs while raising worker morale and image. In fact, studies show that Kaivac's No-Touch Cleaning systems are 60 times more effective in reducing bacterial contamination on tile and grout surfaces than mops, which are more likely to spread contaminants than remove them.