

# Cleaner with no sense of basic hygiene

I would like to highlight an issue regarding cleaning staff who have no basic hygiene awareness.

I went for a swim on the evening of June 13 at the public swimming pool in Hougang. Around 7.30pm, I left the pool to shower. To my dismay, dirty water was splashed onto me over the wall dividing my cubicle and the adjacent one because the adjacent cubicle was being washed while I was showering.

When I protested, the cleaner retorted that there was no reason why she needed to wait for people to finish showering before beginning her cleaning. It seemed to me that apart from lacking basic hygiene awareness, she also had no idea why people took showers.

I would have thought that after the Sars episode and the recent hand, foot and mouth disease outbreak, cleaners like her would be more educated, and better equipped with basic sanitation awareness. Unfortunately, this does not seem to be the case.

Although cleaning projects in public areas are often outsourced to private companies, there is simply no reason for us to compromise on the standard of cleanliness.

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