

Enforce hygienic practices by hawkers

I READ with interest the letter, "NEA sending more officers to check food outlets", from the National Environment Agency last Friday.

It is laudable that the NEA is employing more officers to make frequent inspections at food stalls and food shops.

I have noticed frequently flies buzzing over food and drinks on the tables, as well as food handlers smoking then rushing to prepare the food without washing their hands.

On one occasion, I saw a pile of dirty utensils, stacked on the floor outside the coffee shop toilet, getting splashed by dirty water from the toilet as a worker swept the floor.

On another occasion, at a popiah stall, the hawker decided to use the toilet and when she returned, she wore a glove only on one hand. She then used her ungloved hand to handle the food, while using her gloved hand to collect money from customers.

Hygienic practices must be enforced and drummed into hawkers and their assistants constantly.

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