

Are your cleaners safe?

Does the label say “keep out of reach of children”?

If yes, you shouldn't have or use them in your classroom. And your school needs to have a Safety Data Sheet handy.

Are they scented? They can make people with asthma and sensitivities sick.

Use the safest option: Soap, warm water, paper towels/microfiber cloths and a little elbow grease! Contact your custodial staff if you need to sanitize or disinfect.

Don't use:

Disinfectant wipes:

Most are scented, so can make people sick. They require that surfaces stay wet for sometimes as long as 10 minutes to kill bacteria and viruses! They're not effective against some viruses, giving a false sense of security.



Adhesive removers:

Common brands contain petroleum distillates, which can cause inflammation and permanent damage to the lungs. Asthma or allergies can be triggered by exposure to these products.



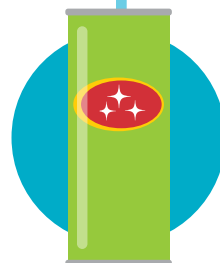
Carpet cleaners: Many carpet cleaners contain hydrogen peroxide, which can cause eye irritation. Added fragrances can make those with asthma or allergies sick.



Bleach: Bleach is highly corrosive and causes skin, eye and respiratory irritation. If mixed with the wrong chemicals, it can form toxic gases. In many cases, Washington Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) requires an emergency eyewash station in rooms where bleach is used.



Scouring powder cleaners: Powders can irritate the lungs when inhaled. Many contain bleach and can cause serious eye damage.



Spray disinfectants:

Spray disinfectants are scented and contain denatured alcohol. If inhaled, it can cause coughing and respiratory tract irritation. Sprays can contaminate nearby food.

