

Fact-sheet – How to ensure clean sanitation?



What is the objective?

Why should the factory ensure clean sanitation?

The facility should protect the workers against impact on food security, livelihood, and chronic diseases due to unclean sanitation. Both equipment and awareness are necessary to ensure that clean water, basic toilets, and good hygiene practices are available for workers.

To ensure that, the factory should first be aware of the areas where sanitation is crucial, and it should implement a system to systematically ensure cleanliness in such areas:

- ❖ Identify the areas where sanitation is a crucial factor (for example, drinking water facility, toilet areas, washing areas, refectory, canteen, etc.);
- ❖ Create procedures and instructions about regular inspection and maintenance of sanitation in the workplace;
- ❖ Ensure regular inspection of drinking water facility, toilet areas, washing areas, refectory, canteen and regularly replace the washing equipment;
- ❖ Organize awareness trainings for workers to know what are the hygiene measures to take (wash hands with soap or use hand sanitizers, drink potable water, etc.);
- ❖ Encourage the workers to follow the basics of sanitation by placing signs on key areas (toilets, eating area, drinking water station, etc.) and enforce the measures with regular reminders.

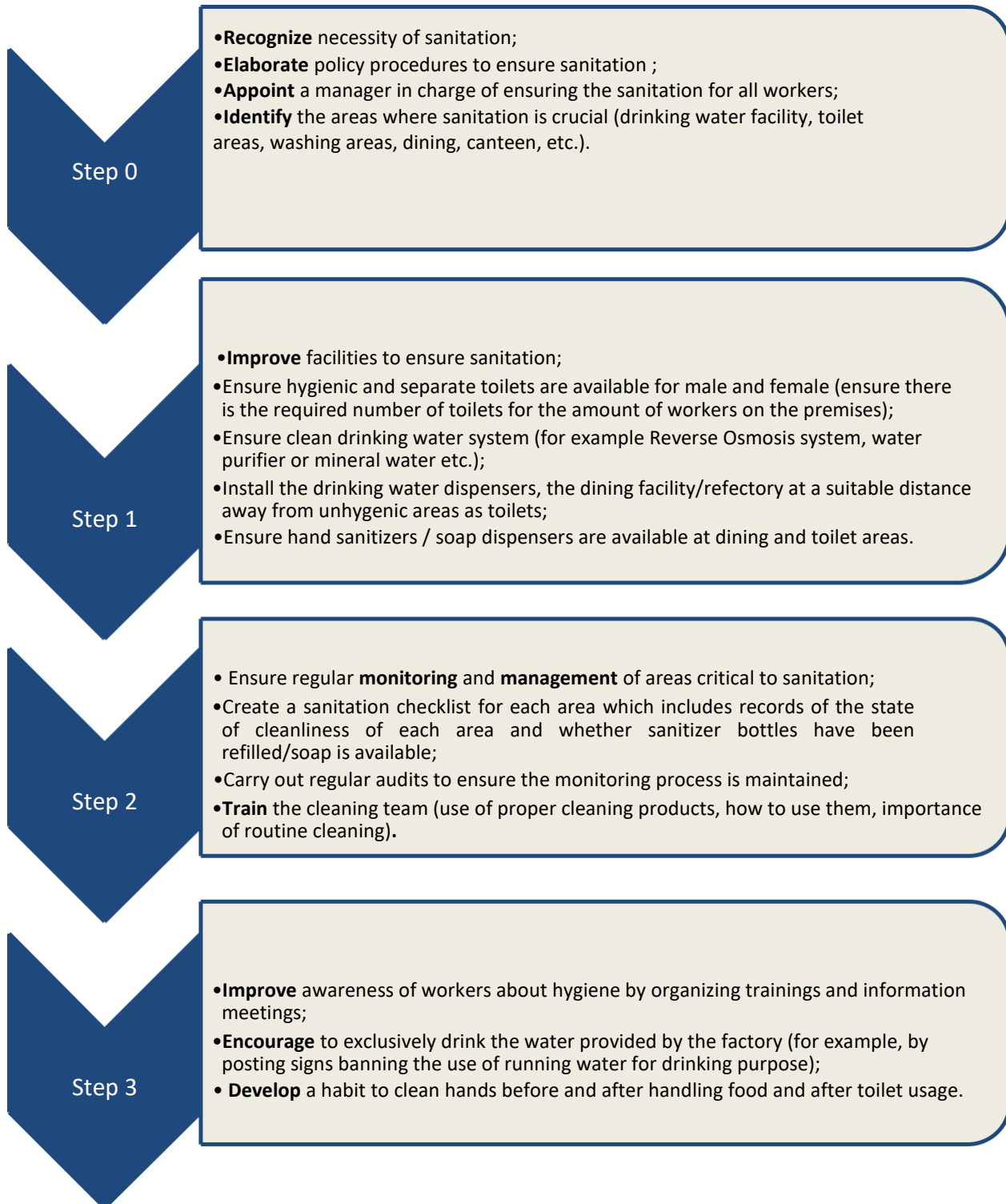


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How to achieve the objective?



❖ How to ensure clean sanitation in the workplace?



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Common non-compliances

Non-compliances	Comment
<p>Toilet close to drinking water.</p> 	<p>Drinking water facility found close to the toilet area. There is a risk of contamination of water due to the proximity of drinking water with the toilet.</p>
<p>The worker is drinking water from the toilet.</p>	<p>The worker does not drink the potable water provided by the factory. There may be a high chance of infection and the worker’s health may be severely at risk.</p>
<p>Unclean and non-compliant toilets.</p> 	<p>Poor condition of urinals. Toilets are not separated by walls/doors.</p>



Good practices

- Daily maintenance of critical areas where poor hygiene and sanitation might pose a threat to the workers’ health, with management’s supervision.
- Periodic awareness training to workers about sanitation.