



Would you eat your lunch on the toilet?

Benefits of PC Cleaning within the office environment.....

Studies in USA (Dr Charles Gerber Microbiologist University Arizona, 2004.) have uncovered a life of grime below your fingertips. With only 1 in 10 of the office population bothering to clean their desks and equipment, bacteria is having a free run. The key offenders are telephones, which harbour up to 25,127 microbes per square inch, keyboards 3,295 and computer mice 1,676. By contrast, the average toilet seat contains 49 microbes per square inch. Therefore there is substantially more bacteria present within the keyboard than on a toilet seat. Factors such as eating at desks (due to time constraints) are contributing to this growing problem. Food spills, such as tea and biscuits, can support mini eco-systems. British microbiologist Professor Sally Bloomfield said the study reinforced the need for good hygiene practice both at work and in the home. She said: "The superhighways for bacteria are hands and the surfaces we touch". The cleaning of keyboards and telephones is not always given high priority within offices so this bacteria build up can go unchecked.

So would you prefer to eat lunch at your desk or on the toilet?

Another good reason for implementing PC Cleaning is the reduction of annoying faults such as sticking keys and slipping mice that can be experienced with dirty equipment. Many of our clients comment how much better their equipment operates after being cleaned.

With the introduction of the WEEE directive, cleaning will help reduce electronic waste. Many keyboards and mice are discarded every year; often all these need is a good clean.

PC and Equipment cleaning often leads to an increase in staff moral and the feel good factor.

Under current Health & Safety Law the onus is on the employer to ensure equipment is maintained, which includes cleaning.

Should you have your PC's cleaned ?

With the exception of the people in your business, your electronic systems must be the next most important asset. Regular cleaning will help safeguard your staff and equipment, this must be worth investigating.

Regulation 5(1) of the Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992 requires "the workplace and the equipment, devices and systems to which this regulation applies shall be maintained (including cleaned as appropriate) in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair".

ITCcleaning have particular experience with cleaning PC's for the Government, we clean 40,000 pieces of equipment for various Government departments. Due to our exposure to Government contracts we have many staff that are cleared for Government work. We would be happy to visit to discuss your needs and demonstrate our method.

