

## Clean Ventilation Systems – Never More Essential



There has never been a previous time when those responsible for the maintenance of ventilation systems had more reason to ensure they are maintained in a clean and safe condition.

Dr Ghasson Shabha of Birmingham University has shown that temperatures and humidity conditions

typically found in ventilation systems provide excellent opportunities for bugs to thrive. Dust in these systems contain a high proportion of organic compounds including hair and skin flakes – the main nutrients for the growth of micro-organisms such as MRSA and C. difficile. The cleaning of ventilation systems is an essential part of the attack on the incidence of infection.

Grease extract ventilation systems are a potential fire hazard and need to be regularly cleaned to ensure they do not present a fire risk to the safety of building occupants and to ensure compliance with the Fire Safety Order.

A Fire Authority spokesman has stated “*Uncleaned grease extract ventilation systems present probably the greatest potential fire risk in buildings with catering facilities*”.

All Indepth Hygiene Services’ specialist ventilation system cleaning is carried out in accordance with HVCA TR19. As a result, responsible managers can be confident their ventilation systems will provide safe and hygienic conditions in healthcare premises.

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