

SAFER SPACE

What is Safer Space

Safer Space is the European Cleaning Sector's premier Certification for Contractors Committed to Delivering the Highest Standards of cleaning and hygiene. It is an annual assessment of the processes carried out at a facility and means that the contractor delivering the Accreditation process has been through a robust process of training and passed an Audit process on how to use the latest techniques and products to sanitise a building. Improving the health and wellbeing of all.



Safer Space was established in 2018 with two of the founders being British Cleaning Council Board Member Philip Morrish and Cleaning Industry Standards campaigner Roy Winters, in response to the lack of a formal standard by which facility managers could judge the competence of their cleaning contractor. Achieving Safer Space Certification means the contractor has been trained and assessed in the use of specialist sanitisation techniques including the correct use of electrostatic sprayer technology.

Contractors are assessed annually to ensure that they have the most up to date knowledge and comply with the best practice. Only Certified Contractors are authorised to issue a site-specific Accreditation that a building is a "Safer Space". In all other circumstances Safer Space will need to randomly attend and assess a site to ensure the effectiveness of the processes being carried out. All these processes are challenged by an independent advisory board of industry and marketplace experts.

Just as humans are becoming more resistant to anti-biotics, pathogens are also becoming resistant to the myriad of sprays being utilised across environments. Many branded disinfectants mask the problem as well as creating harmful legacy issues (public health & environmental) in their wake. Under the Safer Space banner, we aim to destroy the infection-causing pathogens at source thereby reducing the risk of becoming infected in the first place in the most sustainable and cost-effective fashion.

The worldwide Covid19 pandemic has brought the new realities of infection control to our doorsteps. This virulent and highly infectious disease has brought into sharp focus the need for proper hygiene protocols to help stop the spread of dangerous pathogens.

Public Health is the rightful motivation, however, in the rush to mitigate risk, best and safe practices were set aside/ignored amidst the panic/stampede. Governments and businesses are advocating and adopting practices that, in the long run, will be counterproductive. The build-up of harmful chemicals being sprayed/ released into environments may prove detrimental to Public Health in the medium to longer term.

The Safer Space concept was developed in response to the global over-reliance on antibiotics. Hitherto relatively easily treated infections are becoming resistant to modern medicines on an exponential basis. How many times do we visit the doctor to find that the original prescription does not work? Bacteria, viruses, and pathogens constantly evolve and mutate to survive, and thus dangerous superbugs/viruses are born.

NATURAMA Approval

NATURAMA Biocide and H-500 is proud to have achieved SAFER SPACE Accreditation for both the biocidal products the Company produces as well as the advisory, training and support the Company offers its highly valued end-users.

NATURAMA is very closely tied to other SAFER SPACE accredited companies supplying vetted hygiene equipment as well as **Tony Sullivan**, a highly experienced SAFER SPACE accredited hygiene and Infection Control trainer. Mobile: 07941 643231 Email: tony.decontatd@gmail.com www.atddecon.com



The Value of Safer Space

Accredited companies can provide insights to facility decision makers in ways that enables them to understand, evaluate and justify their investments in creating 'Safer and Healthier Environments'. Historically, cleaning and hygiene/infection control has always been viewed as a non-recoverable cost to businesses. Correct hygiene and infection control is economically efficient and, thus, a relatively modest investment produces substantial returns.

Although there are many ways to generate cost savings through proper hygiene we focus on the following benefits:

- 1.Reducing the risk of workplace and environmental acquired infections
- 2.Reduce absenteeism (Average employee takes 8 sick days per year pre Covid19 pandemic)
- 3.Increase presenteeism (Improve attendance by at least 46%)
- 4.Lower HR and absence processing costs (Hidden costs of absences)
- 5.Improve productivity/output (Healthier environments = happier and healthier workers = increased output)
- 6.Image enhancement (The Safer Space Accreditation gives confidence to all facility users)

Be Safer Space Approved

The cleaning service industry is one of the largest and most dynamic service industries in the world. In many cases their focus has been on the visual and not necessarily infection prevention.

The industry's breadth and high degree of fragmentation are driven by low barriers to entry and only minimal differentiation. Consequently, these services are largely cost driven. This cost-centred focus has led many contractors to cut corners to remain competitive.

The introduction of the Safer Space standard together with a demonstrable cost saving outcome will now influence facility decision makers. Bright and shiny is no longer adequate. Health and Safety are now the most desired outcomes.

With the increased focus on sustainability and public health protection, progressive firms are adapting a more holistic approach to hygiene/infection control. Facility managers can achieve the highest standards with true savings by employing a certified Safer Space contractor using approved Safer Space products.



Safer Space Key Points

- Response to global over-reliance on/resistance to antibiotics
- Preventing transmission of infectious disease-causing pathogens at source
- Prevention is Better than Cure
- Clean is no longer relevant without Safe
- The world is obsessed with Symptomatic treatment of disease and environmental pathogens as opposed to eradicating the causes and prevention
- Cleaning provides visual comfort by removing stains, visible dust, dirt, and organic material
- Disinfection and Sanitisation kills germs, pathogens, and viruses
- The overuse of branded and popular, yet ineffective, “disinfectants” are causing harmful legacy issues including bacterial superbugs and increased risk of respiratory diseases etc.
- Give confidence and reassurance to people that you are upholding the highest of hygiene and public health standards
- Certify contractors and approve products

The roadmap to Safer Space

Certification in partnership with Bauer Consultants Ltd - Naturama

The effective disinfection and sanitisation of surfaces and the air in our environment both play an important part in helping to combat transmission of infections and other dangerous pathogens.

SAFER SPACE accredited companies will provide a comprehensive wrap-around solution utilising best in class products to offer the best protection for your environment. Create a Safer Space Ecosystem in your environment with verifiable Certification via our NATURAMA Organisational Biosecurity programme and other initiatives – see - <https://naturama-biocide.com/organisational-biosecurity>

1. Disinfection of the whole environment with our premium Naturama products
2. On-site before and after Hygiena swab test results to prove efficacy of service
3. Top level disinfection training and client support improving current practices.
4. Dedicated consultant will have a best practice discussion with clients regarding infection risk mitigation, on an ongoing basis, periodically renewing your Safer Space Accreditation

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The people behind SAFER SPACE

Roy Winters

Roy has an impressive career history which is unpinned by experience and success points. These include - Designed and delivered first bureau-based disaster recovery services; Designed and delivered the first backup trading room environment. Worked with the British Standards Authority to develop the first Disaster Recovery Standards. Worked with the RICS to create a Business Continuity Awareness paper for Kofi Annan to deliver to the United Nations. Created the environment to develop Business Continuity processes and procedures which became the basis of those that are still being use by the Business Continuity Institute.

Built a pan European (and award winning) team to both win and then deliver a consultancy programme which identified all the facility needs of Microsoft, setting new and consistent corporate standards, then managing the outsourcing of contracts to achieve the new standards. Roy then launched what ha become the most read online information portal in the Corporate real Estate/Building Support Services/FM/Cleaning arena. Delivering news articles, opinion and educational features in the support and development of these market sectors. Roy is a Liveryman in the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners. Roy's experience and career has always been involved with creating places, spaces, and environments where we feel safe and protected. Delivering and ensuring 'duty of care' policies become part of our day-to-day working environment.

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Philip Morrish

Morrish, Chartered CISI, MIOd is a respected financial and business analyst with some 38 years Equity Capital Markets experience. During his career, the UK Chemical team were ranked #1 for company and industry research while uniquely he was individually #1 ranked for Waste Management. He has been a co-Head of European Equity research where he turned around the business by repositioning the research offering. Later, he transformed a failing independent research provider into a very profitable #vUK provider. He co-founded Intellisys, a provider of independent equity market research and consultancy services. He is a co-founder and non-executive director of Cogency Chemical Consultancy Limited, which provides specialist commercial due diligence services to commercial and financial clients. He is a co-founder partner of Chemicals Corporate Development Partners, a specialist global chemical industry corporate adviser. He is a Freeman of the City of London (twice) and a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners. He was a Trustee of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners Charitable Trust. Philip is Clerk of Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners and Secretary to Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners Charity Trust. Philip was a category judge at the City of London Corporation's annual Sustainable City awards. Philip is also a Director and Council Member of the British Cleaning Council.

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Tony served in the Royal Air Force (RAF) as an Aircraft Electrical Engineer for 23 years (1979 to 2002). On leaving the RAF Tony joined Lancer UK as a Service Engineer, acquiring full test person qualifications on Washer Disinfectors, Endoscope Washer Disinfectors and Porous Load Sterilisers, Tony took over as Service Manager for Lancer UK, a position he held until Lancer UK were acquired by Getinge. Tony served as Service Customer Care and Compliance Manager for Getinge, during this time he also studied and obtained his Degree in Decontamination in 2014.

Tony then joined the NHS November 2015 as Decontamination Manager at Cumberland Infirmary, 2016 saw him become head of Medical Engineering and Decontamination for North Cumbria University Trust.

Tony then transferred to Durham and Darlington Trust as Decontamination Manager in 2018 and served there for two years, during Covid an opportunity came up to head up an External Environmental Decontamination team to train staff in a wide variety of venues in how to combat the Covid virus, culminating in Managing the Decontamination teams at the Commonwealth games.

Tony recently completed terms of office for IDSc as Director of Communications and Interim Chairperson and I am still active within the IDSc as part of the Education Team.

See - <https://www.idsc-uk.co.uk/assets/Editorial-Page.pdf>

In April 2023 started his own company 'All Things Decontamination (ATD) Ltd' as a Decontamination Consultant providing advice, support, and training on all aspects of Decontamination and infection Control. Tony is Certified as a SAFER SPACE trainer and instructor offering CPD hygiene training.

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