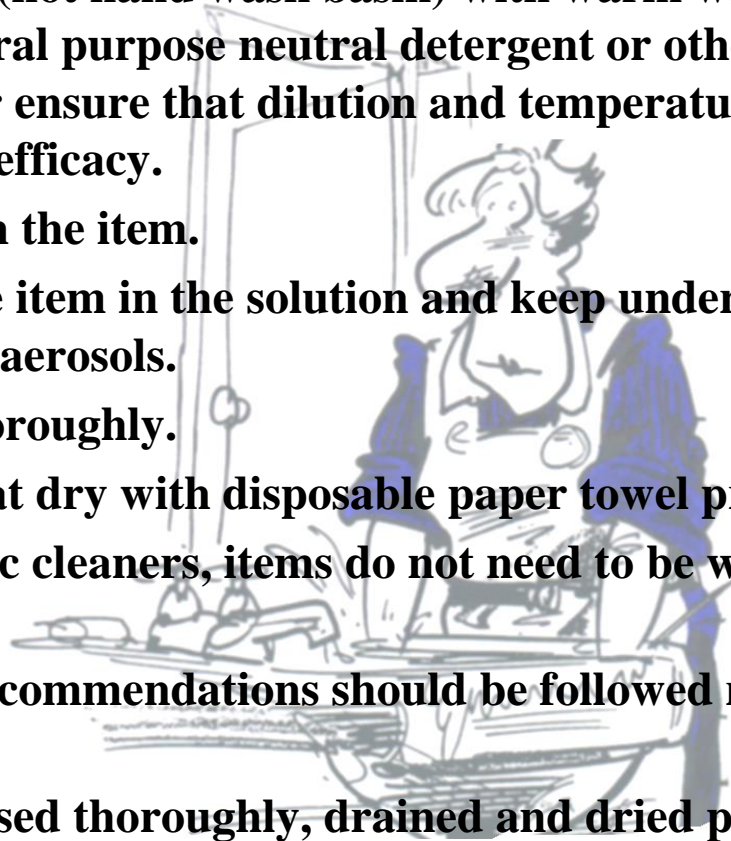


PROTOCOL FOR MANUAL WASHING

Immersion method - procedure of manual cleaning. To minimise the risk to personnel undertaking manual cleaning, splashing and the creation of aerosols must be avoided at all times.

- **Wear Personal Protective Equipment (Apron, Eye Protection and Gloves).**
- **Fill the deep sink (not hand wash basin) with warm water and appropriate detergent eg general purpose neutral detergent or other product. If this is an enzymatic cleaner ensure that dilution and temperature of the water are correct to promote product efficacy.**
- **Dismantle or open the item.**
- **Fully immerse the item in the solution and keep under water during cleaning process to reduce aerosols.**
- **Rinse the item thoroughly.**
- **Drain and then pat dry with disposable paper towel prior to sterilizing.**
- **IF using ultrasonic cleaners, items do not need to be washed prior to immersion in the ultrasonic.**
- **Manufacturers recommendations should be followed regarding detergent of choice and contact time.**
- **Items must be rinsed thoroughly, drained and dried prior to sterilizing.**



Always remember to inspect items to ensure they are clean and in a good state of repair (fit for purpose) prior to commencing sterilization process.