**GMB YOUR VOICE IN ASDA** 

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## **CLEANLINESS IN STORE**

Dear Members,

Whilst undertaking safety inspections throughout the region GMB London Region are concerned that the standards of cleanliness in our stores has dropped, since the City aces were transferred to Asda.

This drop in standards is not as a result of the great work the current cleaning colleagues do.

It appears to be due to ASDA management misinterpreting policy, asking colleagues to undertake cleaning tasks they are not trained to undertake, a lack of suitable PPE required to carry out tasks or a reduction in hours to adequately clean the store.



2 such example that we see frequently in stores are:-

- Home shopping drivers are being asked or tasked with washing the outside of home shopping vans.
  - This is a cleaning colleagues role and not a home shopping drivers role. Home shopping drivers should refuse to clean home shopping vans.
- Shop floor cleanliness. Most ASDA Stores were previously cleaned daily by dedicated trained City
  Aces colleagues. Since the City aces colleagues were transferred to ASDA there has been a
  significant reduction in the frequency the shop floor is cleaned.
  - This has resulted with a dirty environment seen within stores. In addition to this whenever the weather conditions are not perfect rain and dirt is brought into store potentially causing an increase in slips, trips and falls.

If you are being asked to undertake any cleaning which you have not been fully trained upon please contact GMB immediately.

If you are seeking support or advice, please speak to your local shop steward, contact our office directly at 01603 626492, or visit our GMB Members' Support Centre at <a href="https://www.gmb-asda.com/support">www.gmb-asda.com/support</a>

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