

Meat hygiene messages for abattoir workers

Causes of
contamination

How to limit
contamination

DIRTY SKIN



- Keep lairage clean
- Careful skinning (do not bring the outer part of the skin in contact with the carcass)
- Immediate removal of skins from the slaughter floor

OVER-CROWDING OF ANIMALS



- Limit the number of animals on the slaughter floor

VISCERAL CONTENT



- Careful evisceration (do not puncture the intestines during evisceration)
- Rapid removal of the viscera from the floor in the evisceration area

EQUIPMENT (KNIVES AND HOOKS)



- Frequent washing and disinfection of equipment
- Do not place equipment on dirty surfaces

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



- Always wear clean protective clothing
- Wash hands frequently (in between handling of carcasses and after using the toilet)
- Report illnesses to the supervisor or to management

ENVIRONMENT



- Frequent washing and disinfection of slaughter floor

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