

How to Clean Lab Glasswear

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DECONTAMINATE: Remove harmful residue by following the protocol to remove or neutralise it - e.g. if the glasswear was used with HNO_3 , neutralise with CaCO_3 and rinse thoroughly in the fume cabinet sink before washing up. Use your P.P.E.

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REMOVE LABELS: Indelible ink is best removed using acetone or alternatively using ethanol. Put a little on a blue rag and rub the writing off. Remember to wear gloves!

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CLEAN WITH SOAPY WATER: Fill the sink with warm water, adding a couple of drops of Decon[®] or Teepol[®] detergent as the sink fills. Wearing gloves, use the sponges and brushes to remove any sediment or dirt from both sides of the glasswear.

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RINSE WITH TAP WATER: Rinse the glasswear with running tap water to remove residual detergent.

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RINSE WITH DE-IONISED WATER: Rinse the inside of the glasswear with de-ionised water, swirling and shaking if required.

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DRY ON THE RACKS AND PUT AWAY: Use a rack or draining board to dry the glasswear. Come back when everything is dry and put the items back in the cabinets. Straight-sided beakers may be stored upside-down.

