



Cleaning with Care: Ensuring Your Helper Works Safely

Dear Employers,

The holiday season is here. As you prepare to receive guests, you may be joining hands with your migrant domestic worker (MDW) to give your home a thorough clean-up. While you work towards that, let's prioritise safety so that everyone can enjoy the celebrations.

New environment, new practices

Your MDW may have grown up in an environment that's different from high-rise, urbanised Singapore. So here are some key safety practices to remind her about:

► Hanging laundry



Feet firmly on ground.



Fewer items per pole.



Windy? Rainy? Postpone.



Reach out. Don't lean out.

► Preventing falls



Keep floors dry.

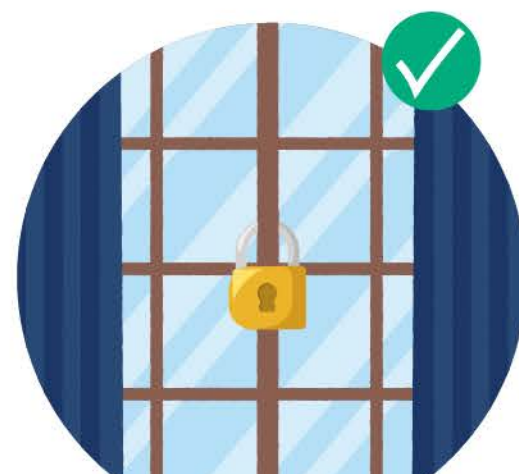


Declutter.



Secure festive decorations.

► If you need her to clean windows



Lock windows when she is cleaning the interior.



When she cleans window exteriors of homes above ground level:

- You or another adult **must be present**.
- The windows must have grilles that are **locked at all times**.



Let her use tools that have extended handles.



Don't let her stand on any raised platform.

You're responsible for your MDW's medical care and well-being. So follow these simple steps to greatly reduce the risk of accidents during cleaning. Happy holidays!

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Show your MDW cleaning safety videos in **her language**.



💡 Did You Know?

A well-rested helper is a more effective employee. Have open conversations to discuss any changes in schedules or expectations during the holiday period, and ensure your helper has adequate rest during the holiday rush.

Since 1 January 2023, every MDW is entitled to one rest day per week, and that one of these each month can't be compensated away. We understand that life gets busy, but adhering to this practice is a legal requirement. Employers who fail to provide the mandatory rest day may be subjected to enforcement action by the Ministry of Manpower.

[Learn more about rest days](#)

📅 Event Highlights



Inspiring Bonds

Discover how several employers formed harmonious relationships with their MDWs and be inspired!

Flavours In Harmony
Minister of State for Education and Manpower Ms. Gan Siow Huang recently launched a digital cookbook for the Centre for Domestic Employees. It features 42 recipes co-created by MDWs and employers, and can be [found here](#).



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