

Hygiene at the Workplace

Enhance employee well-being and productivity through a healthy work environment.

Global trend:

The changing role of the office

The return to the office is a global trend:
More and more companies are focusing again on office presence, and for many employees, the office has become the central workplace. This brings advantages for team spirit, productivity, and career development, but also new challenges for health.

The office is increasingly becoming an intentional destination for collaboration, mentoring and connection. Cisco's Global Hybrid Work Study 2025 shows that in-office work is on the rise, but also that employees expect their time in the office to deliver clear value and flexibility.

72 %

of organisations now mandate in-office work.

85 %

of high-performing employees say that time spent in the office has contributed to their career advancement.

78% of high-performing employees have considered changing jobs because of their current work-from-office policies.

The office:

Wellbeing as a key pull factor

An ideal work environment combines physical, social, and psychological factors that promote well-being and productivity.

Among employees who regularly come to the office, the following aspects are considered particularly important (Cisco Global Hybrid Work Study 2025):

92 %
value collaboration.

82 %
value mentoring.

79 %
value a sense of belonging.

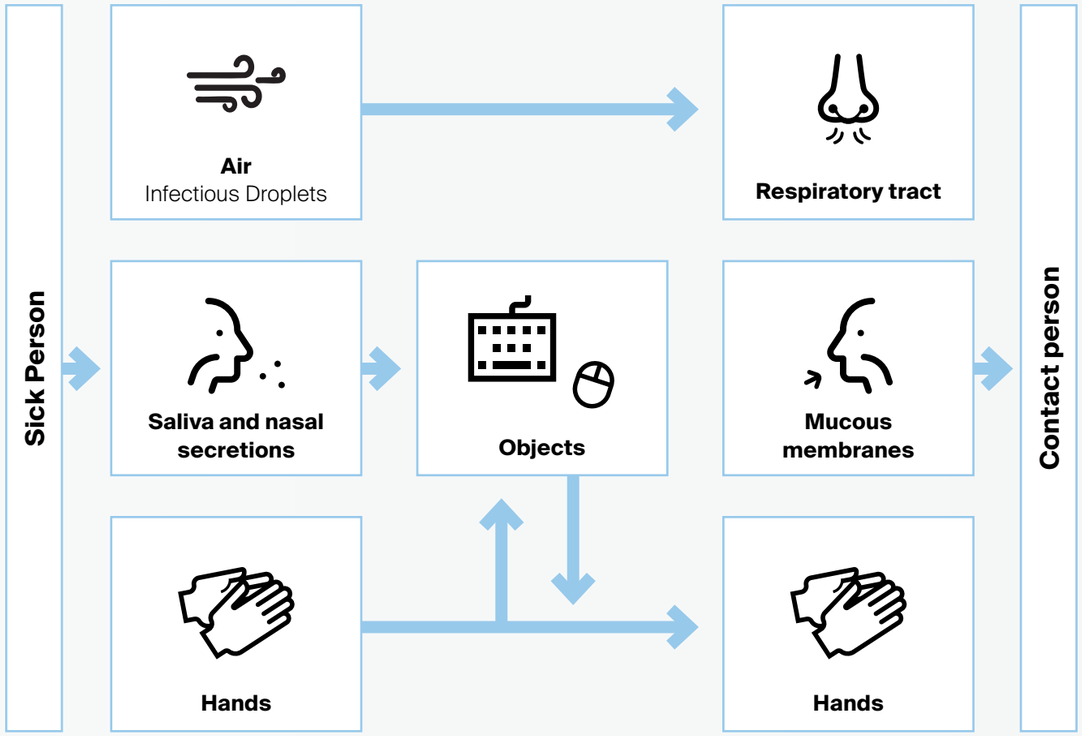
Warning:
Wherever people come together - in kitchens, social areas, and meeting areas – hygiene is especially important to support well-being and health.

Health at the workplace:

Hygiene helps limit the spread of germs

In the UK, the 2025 CIPD survey found that sickness absence had risen to an average of 9.4 days per employee per year – the highest level recorded in more than 15 years. Minor illness remains the most common cause of short-term absence.

Door handles, keyboards and coffee machines are touched frequently throughout the working day. Germs can spread from person to person or from surfaces to people via unwashed hands. Handwashing with soap can reduce respiratory illnesses such as colds in the general population by around 16–21%.





Feelgood office:

How modern hygiene improves the working atmosphere

A productive team starts with a good feeling. A workplace that feels safe, respectful and welcoming can contribute to a positive employee experience. Hygiene is more than simple cleanliness; it shapes how pleasant, inclusive, and inspiring a workplace feels, and how much people enjoy spending time there.

CWS Hygiene views hygiene not as a necessary evil but as a design element for better collaboration in everyday life. Our solutions transform a functional office into a genuine feel-good space for everyone.

Feeling Good with CWS Hygiene

Sustainable cleanliness that feels good

Certified, resource-saving products (e.g. FSC®, EU Ecolabel, Blue Angel, Fairtrade, Cradle2Cradle) protect not only the environment but also convey a message: Our company takes responsibility. This creates identification and a sense of belonging.

Scent, texture, atmosphere – a multisensory experience

Room fragrance, clean floors, ready-to-use towels, pleasant soaps. Hygiene appeals to all senses. A pleasant scent in the morning or drying hands with a clean cotton towel provides a small but powerful boost to start the day. Together, these elements can contribute to a more pleasant workplace experience.

More respect through inclusion in the washroom

Did you know that, in a 2013 US survey, **86% of women aged 18–54 who had unexpectedly started their period in public did not have the supplies they needed**? Of those caught without supplies, **79% improvised using toilet paper** or another material. By providing accessible CWS period products, barrier-free sanitary facilities and gender-neutral washroom fittings, companies can help create a more inclusive and supportive workplace.

Healthy together: hygiene helps reduce the spread of germs

Short, everyday hygiene routines – such as thorough handwashing, proper drying and regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces – help reduce the spread of germs. Visible, well-supported hygiene routines also contribute to a greater sense of safety and comfort among colleagues. Office hygiene goes beyond cleanliness: it supports everyone who uses the workplace.

Office hygiene is more than just cleanliness – it safeguards, unites, and empowers.

Facts & Figures on Office Hygiene

148.9 million working days

were lost because of sickness or injury in the UK in 2024; this is on average **4.4 days lost per worker.**

27%

of **short-term absence** in the UK Civil Service in 2025 was **caused by respiratory illnesses.**

80 %

About **80 % of infectious diseases can be spread by contaminated hands.**

16-21 %

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Productivity

5.9 hours of productivity are lost at work during an average cold – more than the 2.8 hours lost through absence.

1,000x more

Up to **1,000× more bacteria can be transferred by wet hands** than by dry hands.

Cleaner office

Research found that higher measured office cleanliness was associated with **greater employee satisfaction and higher perceived productivity.**

4.5 litres

Enhance safety and cleanliness while helping to reduce cleaning costs. CWS dust control mats can retain up to 4.5 litres of dirt and moisture per square metre.

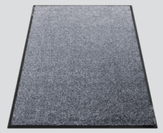


High-touch points in the office and suitable CWS solutions

The entrance area: Welcome to the feel-good office

Hygiene starts at the entrance. Here, the foundation for a clean and healthy office is laid. Dirt and moisture are often tracked into buildings on footwear, while germs can spread via hands and frequently touched surfaces. CWS Hygiene offers the right solutions to minimise these risks from the outset.

CWS Dust Control Mats and Logo Mats
Trap dirt and moisture at the entrance and help maintain a tidy first impression. Customisation possible.



Hand disinfectant dispensers (also available on stand)
CWS PureLine Disinfect Gel, for quick and simple hand disinfection on arrival.



Hygiene in the workplace: Clean desk, clear mind

Frequently touched shared devices such as keyboards, phones and printers can contribute to the spread of germs. Hand hygiene and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces help reduce transmission risk and support a healthier workplace.

Surface Disinfectant Wipes – CWS Surface Disinfection Wipes
Always ready to use between cleaning cycles.



Hand disinfectant dispenser (also available on a pedestal) CWS PureLine Disinfect Gel
For quick and easy hand disinfection upon entering.



Fragrance dispensers – CWS PureLine AirBar
Ensure a pleasant first impression and fresh indoor air.



Anti-fatigue mats – CWS Healthy Standing Mat
Designed to support comfort at standing workstations. Research found that anti-fatigue mats can reduce perceived discomfort after four hours of standing.



The washroom: A wellness oasis

Washrooms are key to infection prevention. This is where hand hygiene truly takes place. CWS Hygiene ensures a safe, pleasant, and sustainable washing experience.

Touchless Soap Dispensers – CWS PureLine Soap
Minimise infection risk through contactless use.



Cotton Towel Dispensers – CWS PureLine Dry
For hygienic and sustainable hand drying with cotton towels that can be washed up to 100 times.



Paper Roll Dispensers – CWS PureLine Paperroll
Sleek, hygienic design with absorbent 3-ply paper. – Optionally touchless.



Hand Lotion – CWS PureLine Handlotion
Helps care for the skin after handwashing.



Hygienic Waste Bin – CWS Vacuum Waste Bin 45L
Clean disposal of sanitary waste, compatible with Surface Disinfection Wipes Dispenser; automatic bag suction increases capacity and intervals.



Toilet hygiene: A feel-good place for everyone

Toilets are sensitive areas where hygiene, inclusion, and wellbeing come together. With CWS solutions, toilet hygiene becomes standard for all employees.

Toilet Paper Dispenser – CWS PureLine Toilet Paper
Always hygienically stocked for any office size.



Toilet Seat Cleaner – CWS PureLine Surface Cleaner Toilet
Adds safety and cleanliness between official cleaning cycles.



Sanitary Bin – CWS ParadiseLine Ladycare
For discreet disposal of sanitary waste; inclusive provision for all genders.



Tampon and Pad Dispenser – CWS Tampon and Pad Dispenser
Discreet, reliable access to period products.



Toilet Paper Foam Dispenser – CWS PureLine Toiletpaper Foam
Extra freshness and gentle cleaning, contributing to cultural inclusion.



Fragrance Dispenser – CWS PureLine AirBar
Creates a pleasant atmosphere in every restroom.



Discover the full range here:

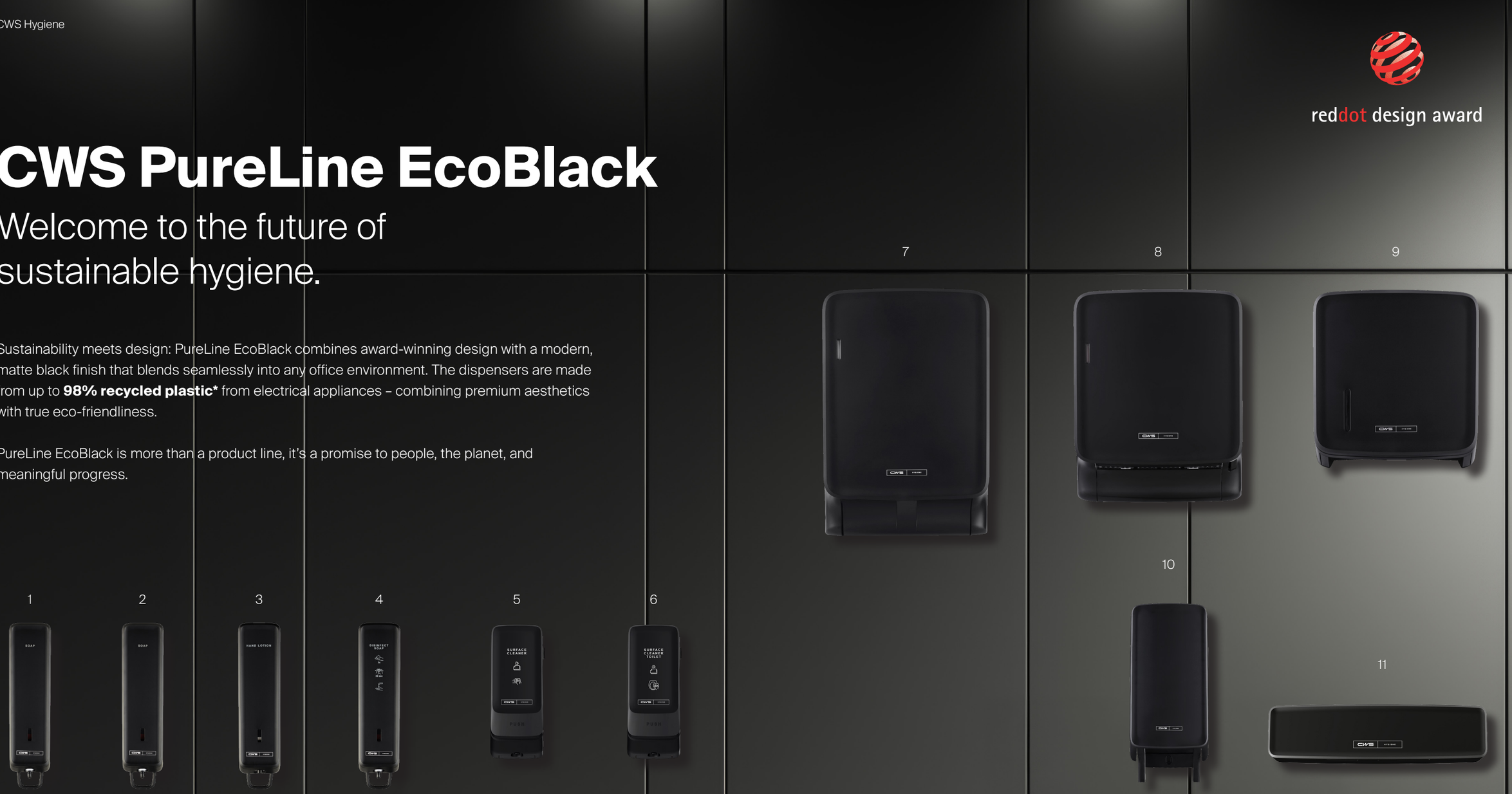
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CWS PureLine EcoBlack

Welcome to the future of sustainable hygiene.

Sustainability meets design: PureLine EcoBlack combines award-winning design with a modern, matte black finish that blends seamlessly into any office environment. The dispensers are made from up to **98% recycled plastic*** from electrical appliances – combining premium aesthetics with true eco-friendliness.

PureLine EcoBlack is more than a product line, it’s a promise to people, the planet, and meaningful progress.



1 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Foam Slim

2 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Cream Slim

3 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Handlotion Slim

4 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Disinfect Foam Slim

5 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Surface Cleaner Slim

6 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Surface Cleaner Toilet Slim

7 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Dry

8 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Paperroll

9 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Folded Paper

10 CWS PureLine EcoBlack Toilet Paper

11 CWS PureLine EcoBlack AirBar

*CWS PureLine EcoBlack marks the next step on our journey towards maximum sustainability. Selected dispensers are already available, made from recycled plastic, with more to follow.

Discover the CWS PureLine EcoBlack range on our website.



Sustainability at CWS Hygiene – Responsibility with Systems

The following certifications and alignment with the UN SDGs ensure responsible and sustainable solutions.

Our most important certifications:

FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council):
Sustainable forestry.

EU Ecolabel & Blauer Engel:
Environmentally friendly products and processes.

Fairtrade:
Socially responsible supply chains.

Cradle2Cradle:
Consistently circular product design.

Hygiene solutions for the modern office

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We pay attention to what we put into the cycle.

We continuously optimise our products to have a positive impact on people and the environment, and we collaborate with suppliers who pursue similarly high standards.

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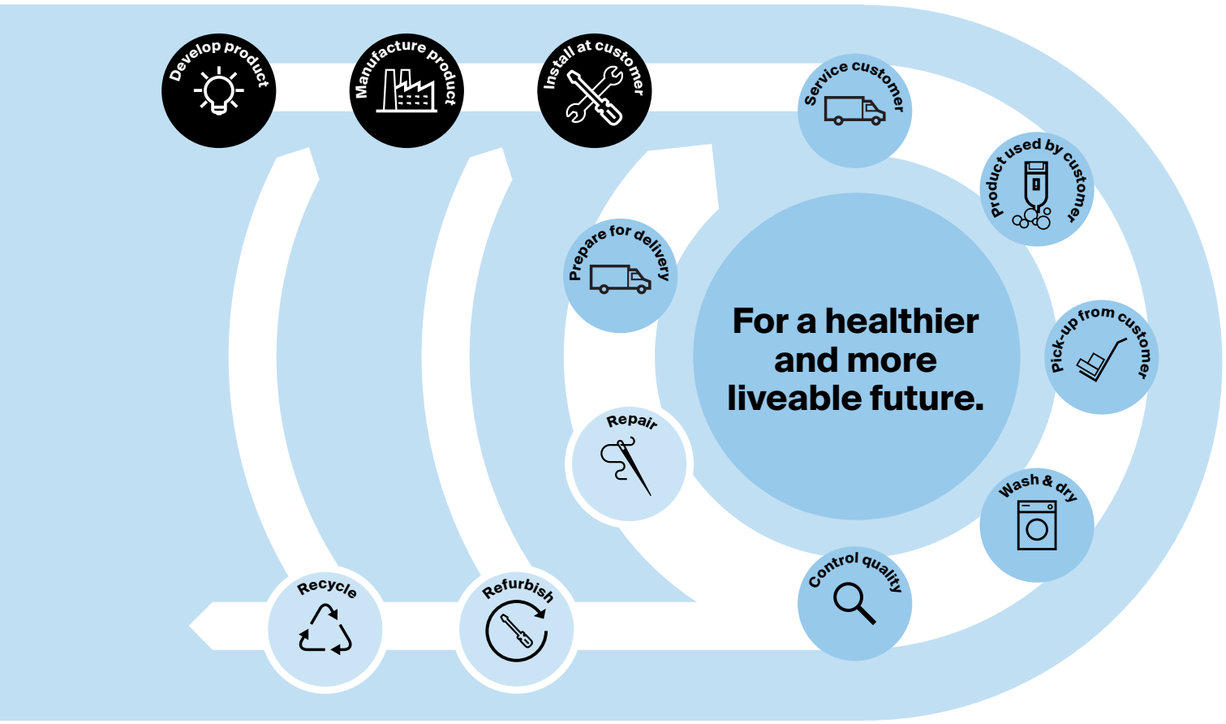
We ensure how we operate the cycle.

We continuously improve our operational processes with the aim of protecting our environment, particularly focusing on reducing CO_2 emissions and water consumption.

3

We take care to close the cycle.

We close the cycle through comprehensive repair and refurbishment measures, extending product lifespans and enabling recycling at the end of their useful life



Full-Service Advantages from CWS Hygiene

All-in-one solution:
CWS Hygiene takes care of installation, regular maintenance, and delivery of certain hygiene products. Flexible service tailored to your needs.

Carefree operation:
Consumables (soap, towels, etc.) are delivered on time. The service cycle can be adjusted as needed, at no extra cost to your company.

Predictable costs through our rental model:
You benefit from clearly calculable monthly service fees. Products, service, and replacements are included in the rental package. No hidden costs.

Quality control & availability:
Regular inspections by CWS specialists ensure the flawless operation and clean appearance of systems.

Individual consultation:
Personal contacts work with you to develop tailored hygiene solutions based on business size, sector, and usage intensity.

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