



Keyboards placed in hospitals and other medical environments are routinely exposed to harmful bacteria and bodily fluids. Because of this, simple soap and water are often not enough to combat disease-causing germs. Econo-Keys recommends the following cleaning procedures when disinfecting a rubberized keyboard or mouse:

- Soap and water are NOT sufficient to remove bacteria.
- All hospital-approved cleaning agents may be used to effectively remove bacteria, blood, E. coli and other contaminants. These agents include:
  - 10 percent bleach solutions
  - 70 percent ethanol solutions
  - Ultraviolet (UV) radiation
- For deepest cleaning, use a cotton swab to massage solution between keys, and let set for 10 minutes before wiping dry.

### **Additional Guidelines:**

- Used gloves must be removed and hands washed after providing patient care and prior to use of keyboard or mouse.
- If taking an Econo-Keys product into a patient room, it must be disinfected prior to use in another patient's room.
- Econo-Keys recommends disinfecting keyboards and mice at the end of each shift to prevent spreading illness.
- Because Econo-Keys keyboards are fully sealed, there is no need for a plastic cover over the keyboard.

