

Health Advice on Using Drinking Fountains

It is important to keep the mouthpiece and protective guard of drinking fountains free from contamination with oral and respiratory secretions. The following hygiene advice is recommended on the use of drinking fountains.

1. Avoid contact with the mouthpiece and protective guard of the drinking fountain when drinking directly from it.
2. Young children should preferably use a container to collect water from the fountain for drinking, and not drink directly from the fountain.
3. People who are suffering from an acute respiratory illness should avoid drinking directly from drinking fountains.
4. Do not contaminate the drinking fountain, for example, by spitting or using it to wash hands.

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