

## Are you concerned about dealing with cash through the coronavirus pandemic?

It is understandable right now to be anxious about all factors of our lives, especially for traders who will be dealing in cash transactions. With that in mind we at SBC want to provide you with balanced and proportionate information to help you trade safely through the lockdown phases.

The scientific evidence and guidance available to us continues to point to effective hand washing and refraining from touching our faces after using cash or touching other inanimate objects or surfaces.

The Bank of England has stated that *“the risk posed by handling a polymer note is no greater than touching any other common surface, such as handrails, doorknobs or credit cards.”*

### Tips to stay safe:

- ❖ **Treat all cash you are handed as contaminated or ‘dirty’**
- ❖ **Do not handle clean cash directly after touching dirty cash.**
- ❖ **Do not put dirty cash straight into your till; use a separate cash box or similar secure container.**
- ❖ **Only put clean cash into your till – supply all change from the clean cash only.**

### How can I do this?

Money accepted goes into the ‘dirty cash box’ until it is cleaned.

The dirty notes can be cleaned simply by using disinfectant (spray or wipes) as you would any other packaging. The fact that our notes are now polymer means they can be cleaned without damaging them.

Coins can be washed in soapy water. Remember; to agitate is to clean.

Coins can be soaked in a bleach solution, please consult the bleach bottle for appropriate dilution rates.

### Can I ‘quarantine’ dirty cash takings?

The simple answer is Yes! You can,

Please be aware of the following:

You will need to quarantine each day’s dirty cash for a minimum of 72 hours before it can go into your main float.

You will need to carry more cash in-store than usual for this to work effectively.



It may prove confusing if you have different staff working - so ensure each day's 'dirty' cash takings are clearly identified in their respective sealed boxes and the outside of each box is cleaned prior to being placed into your safe.

**Above all else and as an absolute minimum:**

Use signs or posters to remind your staff & customers to wash their hands or use sanitiser after handling money and to refrain from touching their faces.