

Where do Germs Hide?

- A person has more bacteria on their body than there are people in the United States
- 229,000 germs per square inch on frequently used faucet handles
- 21,000 germs per square inch on work desks
- 1,500 on each square centimeter of hands

High on the worst hiding places list:

- Work desk
- Kitchen sink is worse than bathroom
- Dishcloth, sponge
- Garbage can
- Refrigerator
- Bathroom doorknob
- Keyboards
- Escalator handrails
- Shopping cart handles
- Picnic tables
- Light switches
- Remote controls
- Toys
- Bathroom cups
- Pens, pencils and crayons
- Pet cages



“The bulk of germs are hiding where you least suspect—playground equipment, the phone receiver, ATMS and elevator buttons.”

- Charles Gerba, professor of environmental microbiology at the University of Arizona



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