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IT HAPPENED AGAIN

A NOT-SO-TRENDY SPOTTING OF A BRITNEY SPEARS-ESQUE TABLE TOP DIAPER CHANGING INCIDENT

Messy diaper changing can lead to illnesses

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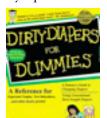


A family visiting Vermont was, according to a blog, recently forced to witness the unsanitary actions of another patron while he changed his baby on one of the dining tables.

Reports on *somewhere over the* poutine, the offending father didn't employ hygienic diaper changing practices, "no blanket, nor cleaning agent... used during or after, it was cheek-to-table."

The blogger also reported that the next group of guests, an unsuspecting group of "hairy, b-ball jersey sportin' teens" sat down and feasted on the uncleaned table top.

In 2006, Female First reported a similar diaper changing incident involving Britney Spears. Britney was spotted changing her baby atop a restaurant table in Los Angeles. One of the patrons commented "it was disgusting. Someone else has got to eat at that table. Yuck." The manager seemed less concerned claiming "it's Britney Spears. What can we do?"



What you can

- Remind servers Don't change to clean and sanitize tables after service.
 - babies (especially any with diarrhea) in the kitchen.



It's not just cute baby poop...

- Norovirus, Shigella and Salmonella can be passed through poop (even baby poop) to food and cause illnesses.
- In 2007 an outbreak of foodborne illness, leading to 4 hospitalizations, was linked to an employee changing the diaper of a diarrhea-stricken toddler in the kitchen of a Maryland Chuck E. Cheese.



