

Making water safe

A print-ready fact sheet for clinics, classrooms and community groups.

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Three methods, honestly compared. Each removes some risks and not others, and knowing which is which matters more than knowing that all three exist.

What to do

- Boiling: bring to a rolling boil for one minute. Kills organisms. Does not remove chemicals, and does not stop recontamination once cool.
- Chlorination: follow the dose on the product. Kills most organisms and keeps working in storage. Less effective in cloudy water - filter first.
- Filtering: removes sediment, parasites and some bacteria depending on the filter. Does not reliably remove viruses on its own.

Signs that mean go to a clinic

- Store treated water in a covered container with a narrow neck or a tap.
- Never dip hands or cups into stored water.
- Clean the storage container weekly.

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