

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2004 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Title** 

# **Killing Germs in the House**

## Abstract

# **Objectives/Goals**

To find out which household cleaner would best kill germs from chicken skin.

#### Methods/Materials

To test my questions, I rubbed chicken skin over marble tiles, thoroughly covering the tiles. Then I applied different cleansers to different tiles. I transferred the germs onto petri dishes with a sterile applicator. After the prepared petri dishes had been in an incubator for three days, the bacteria colonies were visible to the naked eye. I counted and recorded the number of colonies over one millimeter in diameter.

## Results

I found that bleach killed the most bacteria, then came detergent, solvent and then normal tap water.

## **Conclusions/Discussion**

According to my research bleach would kill the optimum amount of chicken bacteria.

# **Summary Statement**

Which household cleaner was most effective at cleaning germs from chicken skin

## **Help Received**

Mother helped with the procedure.