



# RUBBER ESTATES NIGERIA LIMITED



## OPEN DEFECACTION POLICY STATEMENT

Open defecation is a human practice of defecating in open fields, waterways, and open trenches. This method is usually attributed to ancient times, especially in areas where decent toilets were not available.

Open defecation does not allow any proper disposal of such human waste. This practice is an affront to human dignity, and a risk to children’s nutrition and community health. It can lead to water and food contamination, and the outbreak of such diseases as diarrhea, cholera or typhoid fever.

In Rubber Estates Nigeria Limited (RENL), the elimination of open defecation is a top priority for improving the health, nutrition, and safety of workers, dependents and all other parties living in or visiting our premises.

- RENL prohibits open defecation in all its offices and residential areas. Any defaulter shall be sanctioned accordingly.
- RENL has provided restrooms in work zones and residential quarters. This is to be used by staffs, dependents, contractors and other visitors.
- RENL has also established systems and procedures to construct and maintain restrooms and septic tanks in all its premises, to ensure availability and quality.
- RENL encourages the users of these facilities to keep them clean, in order to ease their use and prevent diseases.
- Company also encourages staffs, dependents, contractors and other visitors to report any gap identified regarding restrooms and associated premises, as well as open defecation practices, in order to support the efforts of Management in the enforcement of this policy.

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