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## **Toy Washing Policy**

### **Purpose:**

To establish a protocol for washing toys in order to reduce the transmission of infectious disease.

### **Policy:**

When a practitioner deems it necessary to bring toys into the home, extreme caution should be used in order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Toys should be separated for each child and cleaned according to the following procedure.

### **Procedure:**

- ✓ Wash toys first with soap and water to remove most dirt and grime, and saliva.
- ✓ Disinfecting toys will remove or kill most of the germs on an object or toys after they have been washed.
- ✓ Mix ¼ teaspoon of chlorine bleach to one quart of cool water. Discard solution at the end of the day.
- ✓ Dip toys in solution and allow the toys to dry completely. If toys cannot be submerged, they may be sprayed or wiped down with the chlorine solution.
- ✓ Toys such as wood, plastic or metal may be washed in a dishwasher. Check instructions on the toy.
- ✓ If washed in the dishwasher they do not need to be rinsed with the chlorine solution. Run toys through the wash and dry cycle.
- ✓ Some fabric toys may be washed in a washing machine (see toy instructions). They should be washed in hot water. Dry toys completely in the dryer or over night. Toys washed in the washing machine do not need to be rinsed in chlorine bleach.

### **References:**

[www.cdc.gov/ncicod/hip/abc/practice.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncicod/hip/abc/practice.htm) Issues in the childcare setting: cleaning and disinfection of toys.