

# Toys



## PURPOSE:

To provide clean toys for safe play in the health facility

## MATERIALS:

- Disposable gloves
- Eye protection
- Gown
- Prepared Cleaner/Disinfectant in cleaning bucket
- Bleach concentrated solution (5%- 8%)
- Container for dirty cloths (if using reusable cleaning cloths)
- Cleaning cloths
- Paper towels or clean dry towels



## CLEANING STEPS

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### Do a Risk Assessment

- Determine risk of exposure to germs and the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for the task.
- Wear the correct PPE to safely do the job.

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- Set aside unsuitable toys and discuss with nurse before throwing out. Unsuitable toys for a health facility include toys made of:
  - Cloth or have stuffing
  - Parts that can't be cleaned easily
  - Parts that are sharp or have jagged edges
  - Pieces that could break off.

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- Gather the toys to be cleaned and take them to the designated sink for cleaning.

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### Cleaning

- Fill the clean sink with warm water and wash the toys thoroughly with cleaner (soap) and water.
- Rinse them well in clean water and set them aside.



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### Disinfecting

- Put on mask and eye protection and gown.
- Prepare a bleach solution (1:100 dilution) by mixing 1/3 of a cup (80ml) of concentrated bleach in 2 gallon, (8 litres) of tap water.
- Mix enough bleach solution to cover all the toys (using a laundry tub may be suitable if you have a large amount of toys to soak in the 1:100 bleach solution).
- Soak toys in bleach solution for at least 2 minutes.

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### Rinsing & Drying

- Rinse the toys thoroughly with clean running water.
- Allow toys to air dry on a clean surface.

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- Remove gloves and put in garbage.
- Do hand hygiene.

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### Toy Storage Area & Large Toy Cleaning

- Clean the toy storage area and larger toy structures. You can do this step when cleaning the waiting room or area for toy storage.



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- Prepare the Cleaner/ Disinfectant solution for cleaning the toy shelves and cupboards.

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- Using cleaning cloths and Cleaner/ Disinfectant solution:
  - Wipe the toy storage bins/boxes/shelves
  - Wipe any large toys such as climbers.

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- Place toys in their storage place after the clean toys have completely dried.
- Toys and high touch surfaces, such as book shelves and climbers, in the play area must be cleaned at least daily and when visibly dirty.
- Put toys away if they cannot be cleaned every day.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding toy cleaning and safety, check with a nurse or supervisor.

