

Bleach as a Sanitizer or Disinfectant

Many bleach brands are approved as sanitizers and disinfectants. Each manufacturer has different instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting. Always follow the label instructions for the product you are using.

Scented bleaches are not allowed as sanitizers or disinfectants.



CLEANING

Clean surfaces first to remove visible soil, dirt, and other types of contamination before using any type of bleach solution.



SANITIZING

Sanitize toys, tables, mats, doorknobs, and highchairs.

Make sure the surface is wet for 2 minutes. Allow the surface to air dry. Do not rinse.



DISINFECTING

Disinfect bathrooms, diaper changing tables, toilet seats, and surfaces soiled by vomit, stool, urine, or blood.

Let sit for 5 minutes and air dry, then rinse with water.



SAFETY

Always add bleach to water, do not add water to bleach.

Do not mix bleach with other chemicals, like ammonia.



Routine Sanitizing with Bleach

For toys, tabletops, food contact surfaces, drinking fountains, sleeping mats, and highchairs.

1

Mix and test the sanitizer solution using the label instructions

Add bleach to water, not water to bleach. Use chlorine test strips to check that the solution is 50-200 parts per million.



2

Label and Use as directed

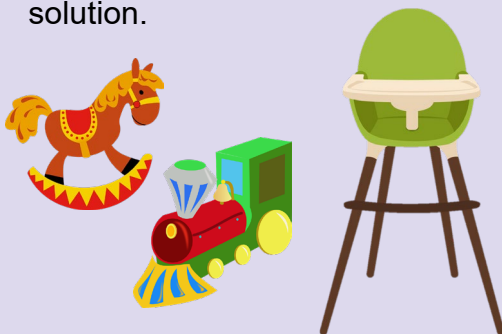
Label the solution as “Sanitizer” and with what it is used for “Toys and Tabletops”



3

Spray sanitizer solution on surface.

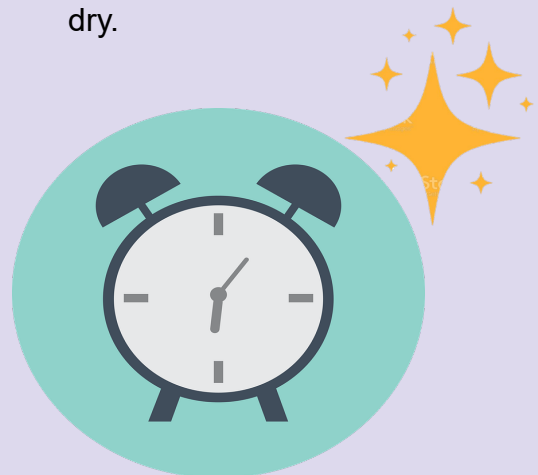
Wash surfaces to remove dirt and debris.
Rinse with water to remove the soap.
Finally, spray the sanitizer solution.



4

Contact Time on Surface

The sanitized surface must stay wet for 2 minutes (or per the manufacturer’s label). Allow to air dry.



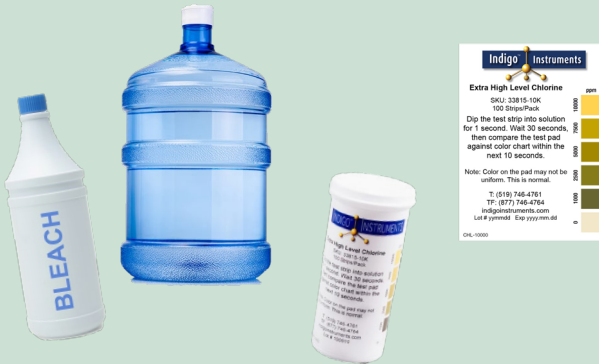
Routine Disinfecting with Bleach

Use a disinfectant for surfaces contaminated with high-hazard bodily fluids such as vomit, stool, urine, and blood. Disinfectant is best for bathrooms, toilet seats, and diaper-changing tables.

1

Mix and test the disinfectant solution using the label instructions

Add bleach to water, not water to bleach. Use extra high-level chlorine strips to check that the solution is equal to or greater than 2400 parts per million.



2

Label and Use as directed

Label your solution as “Disinfectant” and what it is used for “Diapering/Bodily Fluids”



Disinfectant
Diapering/ Bodily
Fluids

3

Spray disinfectant solution on surface.

Wash the surface to remove the high-hazard material. Rinse the area with water. Finally, spray the disinfectant.



4

Contact Time on Surface*

The disinfected surface must stay wet for 5 minutes (or per the manufacturer’s label). After 5 minutes rinse the surface with water.

**If the surface might be mouthed then follow with a wash, rinse, and sanitize after 5 min contact time.*



Step 1
CLEAN
Soap and Water

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Soap and Water

Step 2
Rinse
Water

Step 2
Rinse
Water

Step 3
Sanitize

Sanitizer Name
For food contact surfaces, tables, and toys.

Step 3
Disinfect

Disinfectant Name
For high-hazard body fluids or diaper changing
areas.