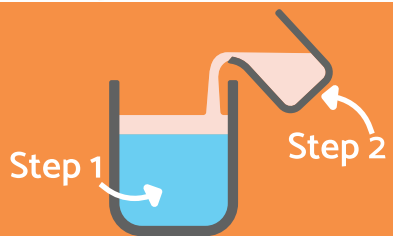


Mixing Bleach



Add water first, then bleach. Prevent spills when filling containers. Dilute fresh bleach each day.



Bleach is sold in different concentrations. This will change how you dilute it.

When mixing and applying:



Mix next to eyewash stations



Wear gloves



Use Safety glasses



Wear clothes that cover and shoes with socks

Using Bleach at Child Care Sites



Contact Time: Bleach stays on surfaces for less time when sanitizing and more time when disinfecting. Check the label first.

Do not wash food with bleach.

Do not drink, breathe in, or spray on skin.

Do not mix bleach and ammonia.

Avoid using scented bleach.

➕ Bleach is not for routine cleaning. It is a pesticide that controls bacteria and viruses. Every pesticide, including bleach, can have health risks.



Weaker bleach sanitizes:
• food contact surfaces
• items that touch the mouth
• floor and sleeping areas

Stronger bleach disinfects:
• surfaces with body fluids
• when someone is sick

Child Safety

Keep kids away while mixing and using bleach.

Never let children under 18 use bleach.

Store out of reach of children.

Using Bleach



Use on hard surfaces.



Wash surfaces with soap and water before using bleach.



Open windows or use fans to ventilate.



Wipe surfaces with clean water after use.

Bleach isn't the only option. Other products might work in your situation. Check the label for proper use. Ask your Department of Health: <http://npic.orst.edu/shemlr.html>

For questions about risk and the use of bleach or disinfectants, call:

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