

**TOYS, EQUIPMENT,
FURNITURE AND
FLOORS**

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- Clean and in good repair.
- Free of peeling, flaking or chalking paint.
- For children not toilet trained, cleaned and then sanitized at least daily when used and more frequently if visibly dirty.

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METHOD USED TO CLEAN AND SANITIZE:

1. Scrub in warm, soapy water using a brush.
2. Rinse in clean water.
3. Submerge in a sanitizing solution of 50-200 ppm chlorine for two minutes (or other approved sanitizing solution).
Mix daily
4. Air dry.

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OTHER METHODS:

- Can't be submerged: washed and rinsed in place, sprayed with a sanitizer and air dried.
- Plastic toys: dishwasher
- Cloth toys: Mechanical washer and dryer

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- Bleach: left glistening wet and allowed to air dry.
- Other sanitizers: Nontoxic to children, follow manufacturer's instructions and approved by the Department.
- Testing method or kit shall be available.

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WATER PLAY CENTERS

- Filled just prior to each session
- Emptied after each session or more often if visibly soiled
- Cleaned and sanitized at least daily or more often if visibly soiled
- Prohibited during a disease outbreak
- Wading pools are not water play centers



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EMERGING ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

- 1) Use of egg cartons and chemical bottles in play areas
- 2) Home-made blocks and cardboard blocks
- 3) Soft toys, stuffed animals, cushions in infant and toddler rooms
- 4) Partitions used during nap time















FLOORS
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- Food prep, food storage, utensil-washing, toilet rooms and laundry areas: Non-absorbent and easily cleanable
- Sleeping and play areas: Easily cleanable
- Carpeting: Closely woven construction, properly installed and easily cleanable


FLOORS

- Carpet: vacuum daily when children are not present
- Vacuum: Bags changed or emptied when children are not present in the room.
- Vacuum: In good repair.




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- High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) vacuum: May be used when children are present
- HEPA vacuum: Include a HEPA filter individually tested and rated as 99.97% efficient at 0.3 micron dust particle size and sealed to prevent leakage around connecting points.





FLOORS

- Wall to wall carpets - cleaned using extraction once each 6 months.
- Cleaning materials and water shall be removed from the carpet before the space is reoccupied.
- Carpet shall be completely dry within 12 hours of cleaning.



FLOORS

- Free of peeling, flaking or otherwise deteriorating paint.
- Clean and maintained in good repair.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Are the floor and floor covering types suitable for the intended use of the room?
- Does the floor and floor covering have to be nonabsorbent and easily cleanable or only easily cleanable?
- Is the carpet made of a closely woven construction?

- Should wall to wall carpets be discouraged?
- If a vacuum cleaner has a HEPA filter, is it considered a "True HEPA vacuum" that can be used when children are present in a room?
- Are area rugs easier to clean than wall to wall carpets?

