

# Cleaning with Bleach in your Daycare



## Step 1: Know your labels

• Ingredients list (usually found on the back side of bottle)

There are now <u>two</u> main types of bleach concentrations on the market: <u>Standard</u> and <u>Concentrated</u>

#### **Standard**

- Ranges from 5.25% 6% sodium hypochlorite
- Not concentrated



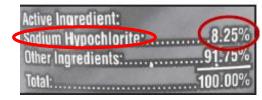
#### Concentrated

- 8.25% sodium hypochlorite.
- This is concentrated bleach
- Sometimes packaged as:

"Regular Bleach Concentrated"

<u>or</u>

"Regular Concentrated Bleach"



\*\*This bleach does not have the same instructions for use as regular, non-concentrated (5.25% - 6%) bleach. Therefore, it is recommended that you continue using the non-concentrated bleach for as long as it continues to be available.



## • Important instructions

#### Read the labels to see if...

- You need to protect yourself when using this product and how.
- How to store it.
- What to do in case of an accident.

### Example label:

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING: Take off contaminated clothing Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15–20 minutes. IN EITHER CASE, CALL A POISON

CONTROL CENTER OR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY

# Step 2: Gather your supplies

1. Bleach



2. Spray bottles (x2)



3. Funnel



4. Marker



5. Measuring spoons



6. Measuring cup



7. Safety items (read the label)





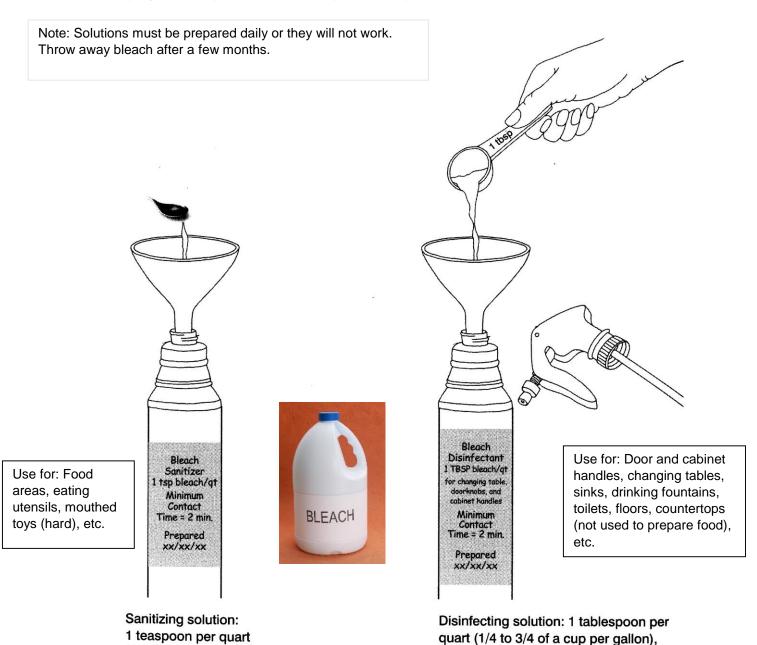
8. Water





## Step 3: Prepare your solution

- 1. Label the spray bottles (see below for an example)
- 2. Read the bottle for any other safety instructions.
- 3. Unscrew spray bottle top and add the right amount of <u>water</u> based on what it will be used for sanitizing or disinfecting (see the picture)
- 4. Add the right amount of <u>bleach</u> based on what it will be used for sanitizing or disinfecting (see the picture)
- 5. Screw spray bottle top back on and keep in a safe place



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(1 tablespoon per gallon),

mixed fresh daily

If you have any questions about this information, please contact your specialist.

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