

## CLEANING PROCEDURE

### *Decrease Your Child's Exposure to Lead Dust*

#### MATERIALS

- Goggles
- Liquid hand soap
- Spray bottle
- 1 Mat
- 2 Buckets
- 1 pair of Latex cleaning gloves
- 1 Industrial strength trash bag
- General all-purpose household cleaner (see below)
- 2 Disposable sponges
- 1 Floor mop



#### PROCEDURES

- Put on goggles and gloves to protect eyes and hands from cleaning solution
- Fill bucket with hot water and add general all-purpose household cleaner or your own cleaning solution by:
  - Mixing 1 teaspoon of bleach with 1 quart of water
  - **Never mix ammonia with bleach or other household cleaners**
- Fill second bucket with hot water for rinsing purposes
- Fill spray bottle with water
- To help control the dust, spray surfaces with a fine mist of water from the ceiling to the floor and "wet down" all dust and debris
- Wipe down walls and along windowsills with sponges; use to wipe fixtures and in corners of window wells
- Use mop for floors and along baseboards
- Rinse sponges and mop often
- Change rinse water every time you start to clean a new room or a different window
- After surfaces are dry, ensure that all dust and residue are gone
- After cleaning is complete, allow all lead dust reduction cleaning items to dry (sponges and mop head)
- An Industrial strength trash bag should be used to dispose of all disposable lead dust reduction cleaning items and debris collected
- Trash bags should be wrapped tightly shut with tape
- Water in both buckets should be disposed of by flushing it down the toilet
- **Never pour cleaning solution into the tub or sink**

#### REMINDERS

- Do not use any of these materials (sponges, buckets, etc.) for regular household cleaning, such as washing dishes, spot mopping, etc.
- **Keep all items and products out of the reach of children!**
- Perform this cleaning process once a week

***Remember: Have Your Child Screened at 12 and 24 Months***



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