**PURPOSE:**

This policy defines the use and maintenance of the dishwasher units within the playrooms and Rehab Services department. Dishwashers within the playroom and Rehab Services department are used to sanitize toys, supplies, and utensils used by the departments to ensure the control of infection and to maintain high standards of cleanliness.

**PROCEDURE:**

Dishwashers will be operated and cleaned according to the Operating Instructions manual which can be found in the Child Life Sharepoint Site and online folder maintained by the Rehab Services Department.

Instructions include: Guide, Caring for the environment, Before using for the first time, Loading the dishwasher, Basket accessories/Use, Program Guide/Use, Additional options, Frequently asked questions, Comparison tests, After sales service, Transport, User Maintenance Instructions, Cleaning and care, Installation instructions, Electrical connection, and Plumbing.

Routine deep cleaning or maintenance will be conducted twice a year by staff assigned to work area of each dishwasher.

*Items not recommended for dishwasher include:*

-Toys/Equipment with hollow interiors

-Toys/Equipment with electrical or battery operation

-Wooden toys/Supplies

-Cutlery with wooden handles

-Wooden cutting boards

-Glued items such as old knives with handles glued together around the shank of the blade

-Handmade craft items, antique, metal trimmed or decorative glassware

-Plastic items that are not heat resistant (thin plastic toys, containers)

-Copper, brass, tin, or aluminum

-Dishes with color painted over the glaze. These items may fade over time.

-Cast iron pots and pans

-No Personal Staff Items

-Nipples

*Items okay to place in Dishwasher include:*

- “Dishwasher safe” glassware

-Small items to be washed in net bag or plastic cages

-All other toys, equipment, and utensils

*Water Temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit:*

Normal Wash: 150

Pots/Pans Wash: 170 Rinse: 160

Economy Wash: 130

SaniWash Wash: 170 Rinse: 150

Rinse/Hold Tap

Express Wash Wash: 115 Rinse: 130

Users to verify temperature with test strips once per week based on manufactured recommended use.

**REFERENCES:**

Miele Dishwasher (models G 1181 and G2181) Operating Instructions booklet

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