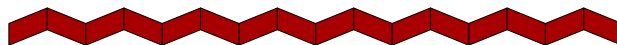




BLEACH



Safety & Security Fact Sheet

- ✓ **IS THIS BLEACH THE SAME AS LAUNDRY BLEACH?**
Yes, the same you would use at home. It is available from the *Custodial Supplies Catalog*, FCIN #2841-011-402.
- ✓ **IS THE USE OF BLEACH HAZARDOUS?**
Yes, it can be under certain circumstances. Be sure to read the label and the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) carefully. The MSDS can be found in the MSDS notebook located in the Building Supervisor's office.
- ✓ **WASN'T THE USE OF BLEACH BY CUSTODIANS PROHIBITED?**
In the past, there was concern that the use of bleach may lead to a dangerous mixing with other cleaning agents. While this is still true, the benefits from using bleach outweigh the hazards.
- ✓ **WHY IS BLEACH USED?**
Bleach is an inexpensive, but very effective disinfectant/sanitizer. It is especially useful in killing mildew on washable, colorfast surfaces.
- ✓ **HOW IS BLEACH USED?**
In a clean plastic container, prepare a solution by diluting one cup of bleach into 9 cups of clean water. Be careful not to splash any solution on your clothes, or carpeting. Rinse a cloth or sponge in the solution and wring tightly. Wipe surfaces with a damp cloth or sponge, not a wet one. Make fresh solution when it becomes dirty. Never add more bleach to a dirty solution.
- ✓ **WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN USING A DILUTED BLEACH SOLUTION?**
Always wear gloves. Prolonged contact with even diluted bleach can dry or injure the skin. Always wear goggles if there is danger of a splash, especially when working above eye level.
Never mix bleach solutions with other cleaning products.
- ✓ **WHERE CAN I GET MORE SAFETY INFORMATION?**
Always read chemical product labels and follow directions. Additional information is available on the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The MSDS can be found in a notebook located in the Food Service Manager or Building Supervisor's Office. The MSDS will give health hazard information and special handling precautions.

For more information, visit our web site, www.fcps.edu/fts/safety-security/factsheets/seh-14.pdf
If you need assistance, call the safety section at 703-658-3770.