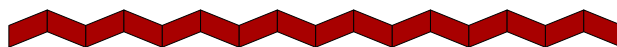




# DISINFECTION OF MUSICAL RECORDERS



## Safety & Security Fact Sheet

Plastic musical recorders that are loaned to students for an academic year must be cleansed and disinfected before they are reassigned according to the following procedure:

1. Cleanse the recorder in warm water and detergent using a bottlebrush or cloth pulled through the instrument.
2. Rinse thoroughly under warm running water to remove detergent.
3. Immerse the instrument in a 1:10 dilution of 5.25% sodium hypochlorite (laundry bleach) for 10 minutes. Use caution; the solution is caustic. Avoid direct contact by using gloves.
4. Rinse the recorder thoroughly under running water.
5. Allow the instrument to drain and air dry.
6. Store in a clean, protected place. If a sheath is used, it must also be disinfected according to the procedure described above.
7. Store used recorders in such a way that they do not contaminate each other.

### **SPECIAL NOTE: THE STEPS DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN THE DISINFECTION OF WOODEN INSTRUMENTS, WOODEN MOUTH PIECES, OR REEDS.**

- ✓ The use of a domestic dishwashing machine is not an effective method for disinfecting musical instruments.
- ✓ Cracked, chewed, or severely scored instruments must be discarded.
- ✓ The practice of providing a substitute recorder to children who leave theirs at home should be discouraged to limit the handling of the disinfectant in the classroom. These children could continue their participation with drumsticks, tambourine, or any other accompanying instrument.



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