

**WAC 110-300-0280 Bottle preparation.** (1) An early learning provider may allow parents to bring from home filled bottles clearly labeled with the date and infant's first and last name for daily use. Bottles must be immediately refrigerated.

(2) A bottle preparation area must:

- (a) Include a sink; and
- (b) Be located at least eight feet from any diaper changing tables or counters and sinks used for diaper changing; or
- (c) Be physically separated from the diaper changing area by means of a barrier to prevent cross contamination. If a barrier is used, it must be:
  - (i) Smooth and easily cleanable;
  - (ii) Sealed, if made of wood;
  - (iii) Moisture resistant;
  - (iv) Extend at least twenty-four inches in height from the counter or changing surface; and
  - (v) Solid without cracks, breaks or separation.

(3) To prepare bottles, an early learning provider must:

- (a) Clean bottles and nipples before use using warm soapy water and a bottlebrush and sanitize by boiling in hot water for one minute, or pursuant to WAC 110-300-0198;
- (b) Clean and sanitize the sink used for preparing bottles;
- (c) Obtain water from a sink used for bottle or food preparation only, or from another approved source, such as bottled water. Water from a handwashing or diaper changing sink may not be used for bottle preparation;
- (d) Use bottles and nipples in good repair (with no cracks);
- (e) Use glass or stainless steel bottles, or use plastic bottles labeled with "1," "2," "4," or "5" on the bottle. A plastic bottle must not contain the chemical bisphenol-A or phthalates;
- (f) Prepare infant formula according to manufacturer's directions and never serve infant formula past the expiration date on the container;
- (g) Not heat a bottle in a microwave;
- (h) Warm bottles under running warm water, in a container of water, or in a bottle warmer;
- (i) Keep bottle nipples covered if bottles are prepared ahead;
- (j) Store prepared and unserved bottles in the refrigerator;
- (k) Not allow infants or toddlers to share bottles or cups when in use; and
- (l) Throw away contents of any formula bottle not fully consumed within one hour (partially consumed bottles must not be put back into the refrigerator).

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