

Air Fresheners in the Classroom

POLICY:

Air fresheners and scented deodorizers are not allowed in the Head Start classroom environment.

PROCEDURE:

Definition of Air Freshener: *A device used to disperse chemicals intended to mask or eliminate unpleasant odors.*

1. Strong fragrances from air fresheners and deodorizers can have adverse effects on the health of children and adults including headaches, allergies, respiratory symptoms, and the inability to concentrate.
2. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, liquids, semisolids, solids, aerosol or pump sprays, wicks, wipes, diffusers, powders, or crystals, designed or labeled for the purpose of masking odors, or freshening, cleaning, scenting, or deodorizing the air.
3. The term “Air Freshener” does not include items that are used on the human body or products that function primarily as cleaning products as indicated on the label.
4. Disinfectants and sanitizers should be chosen with consideration to the strength of fragrance.

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