

H-23 BATHING

Policy: Staff will provide a safe and respectful bathing experience for the child

Procedure:

- Ratio is always one to one
- Place tub on counter by sink in changing area, or use the appropriate sink for bathing.
- Prepare water in baby tub, or sink, temperature should be comfortable to the touch with the hand. Have clothes and diaper ready near changing table.
- Have wash clothe, towels and bathing items set out by tub.
- Place towel on changing table, ready to put into place after the bath.
- Undress child for bath on changing table, involving the child through language.
- Dispose of diaper properly, in covered foot operated diaper receptacle.
- Place child in water gently, informing the child of what you are doing.
- Allow child to sit with your support and become adjusted to the water.
- Involve child in the bath procedure by talking to the child and sharing information as to what you are doing.
- **TAKE TIME TO ENJOY BATH TIME WITH CHILD.**
- **NEVER LEAVE CHILD UNATTENDED DURING BATHING.**
- Dry child with towel on changing table, making sure body creases and folds are dry, once again involving the child in the process.
- Diaper and dress child.
- When child is finished place in safe area.
- Empty tub in approved utility sink or basin, sterilize and let air dry in laundry area.
- Sterilize changing table area.
- Dispose of garbage properly.
- Place towel and wash cloth in washing machine in laundry area.
- Wash hands.