

**15A NCAC 18A .2818 LAVATORIES**

- (a) In child care centers, lavatories shall be kept clean and in good repair and shall not be used for storage. Lavatories shall be mounted at an appropriate height to accommodate children or otherwise made accessible to children. Water from a handwash lavatory shall not be used for consumption. Lavatories with flush-rimmed sinks or with an attached operable drinking fountain shall not be used for handwashing.
- (b) Lavatories shall be equipped with hot and cold water or tempered water provided through mixing faucets or pre-mixing devices which provide water in the temperature range specified in Rule .2815(e) of this Section.
- (c) Lavatories shall be cleaned and disinfected with each change of use, when visibly soiled, and at least daily. Change of use occurs when a handwash lavatory is used outside of its original intent. Change of use includes, but is not limited to, a classroom handwash lavatory used for rinsing toothbrushes, a food preparation handwash lavatory used for toy cleaning, or a classroom handwash lavatory used for diaper changing handwashing.
- (d) Liquid soap and disposable towels or other hand-drying devices shall be provided at every handwash lavatory area.
- (e) Handwash signs shall be posted at every handwash lavatory area. The signs shall instruct children and child care center employees to wash their hands in accordance with Rule .2803 of this Section.

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