The Spill Response Plan

Handle the mess. Teach the next movement.

An honest response separates an accident, an unsafe area and a teachable action.

Example: a cold drink tips during a reach. An adult handles the floor; the child wipes a safe area, and the pitcher is moved.

01 Observe the event

Write facts before choosing a lesson.

What spilled and where

What the adult saw

Child's account of the event

Uncertain detail to leave open

02 Set the safe boundary

An adult owns the hazard decision.

Hazard for an adult to handle

Child's safe place to wait

Suitable cloth or tool

Area the child may clean

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03 Teach the repair

Show one appropriate cleanup part.

Child's exact cleanup step

Adult demonstration needed

Adult's remaining cleanup

How the area will be checked

04 Change the setup

Review one movement at the next use.

Cup or space adjustment

Words for the next meal

Adult wording to correct

Next-use observation