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MULTIPLES
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You know you're in Potty Purgatory when...

A lighthearted look at potty training multiples, originally published in MOST's *Supertwins* magazine in 1999.

- You visit the potty over 50 times a day!
- Those ridiculous melodies from the songs in the potty videos are stuck in your head all day: "Wipe, wipe, wipe yourself, always front to back . . ."
- Friends and family visit your home and jokingly say, "Hey! I got my pick of potties," as they stare at the four toilets awaiting use.
- Each of the triplets has her own potty and they fight over using mommy's potty.
- You are trying to coordinate three children undressing, peeing, pooping, dumping waste into the toilet, wiping, flushing, hand washing, redressing, and the phone rings, "Hi! Are you busy?"
- Five minutes after you finish the routine above, one child says, "Mommy, I have to poopy."
- One child insists on showing everyone in the house the contents of her potty chair.
- The first words you hear over the baby monitor in the morning are "I have to poopy!"
- The girls fight over who has to pee or poop more.
- There is a new chair in the minivan and its name is Potty.
- Your children are missing clothes from the waist down for more than half the day!
- More urine gets on or around the toilet than in it.
- Corinne has to go pee, suddenly, Jessica has to go pee, and, suddenly, Noelle has to go...
- They don't just want their pants down while on the potty, but all the way off!
- They want to read a book while sitting on the potty (we are going to be here awhile).
- Your biggest household chore each day is cleaning toilets.
- After handing Corinne a napkin at breakfast, she automatically started to wipe herself out of habit over her clothes. It took her a moment to remember where she was.
- You bring a potty chair to a picnic!
- We're all tucked in to go to bed, and you're ready to drop, when someone has to pee, and really has to go too!