



Lead Poisoning and Your Daycare Facility

Child care providers can help protect children from lead poisoning by reducing exposure to lead in the child daycare environment.

- **Was Your Facility Built Before 1978?**

If you answered **YES** to this question then your facility needs to have a Comprehensive Lead Inspection completed. If **NO**, you are all set!

- **What is a Comprehensive Lead Inspection (CLI)?**

A comprehensive inspection will include testing the daycare facility for lead in paint, dust, exposed soil and water.

- **Who Can You Hire to Perform the CLI?**

You can call your Local Health Department to see if they have the resources to complete the CLI. If not, you should contact a licensed lead consultant. Call the Department of Public Health's Lead Program at 860-509-7299 or visit www.ct.gov/DPH/Lead for more information.

- **How Much Time Do I Have to Complete the CLI?**

You have 1 month to complete the CLI. Turn the CLI report into the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Lead Program. If your facility is found with lead hazards you have 60-90 days to document and correct the hazards. After you complete your plan and correct any hazards, notify the DPH Lead Program about compliance at 860-509-7299 and submit inspection reports and records.

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- **What if Lead Hazards are Found?**

You will need to correct the lead hazards by remediation. Lead hazard remediation is correcting lead hazards through Lead Safe Work Practices (LSWP) and specialized cleaning practices. Lead hazard remediation is **NOT** lead abatement!

Prior to correcting lead hazards, your local health department needs to review and approve how you will do the work. You need to describe how and what you will do to correct the lead hazards in a "Lead Hazard Remediation" plan. The work **MUST** be performed by an "RRP-certified" (Renovation, Repair and Painting Program) firm if more than 5 square feet of interior paint or 20 square feet of exterior paint needs to be corrected.

The DPH Lead Program will assist you throughout the process.

- **Remember:**

Your facility will only need to have 1 inspection if it is comprehensive, complete and thorough. It is the operator's responsibility to make sure that the CLI is completed and documentation is maintained on-site and available for review during inspections by local health and DPH.

- **What if I Have Any Questions?**

Please call the DPH Lead Program at 860-509-7299.

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