

Property Questionnaire



Choose Safe Places
for Early Care and Education
Planning. Guidance. Protection.

Welcome!

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) wants to help early care and education programs choose locations safe from environmental hazards.

Please submit this form if you would like DPH to check for possible environmental hazards at your child care program's current location or a new location you may be considering. This free service is available to all early care and education programs, including group and school age programs as well as family child care programs.

Why participate? To keep kids safe and help your business succeed! It's free and only takes a few minutes.

For questions or more information, contact us at choosesafeplaces@mass.gov or 617-624-5757.

Contact Information

1. How can we get in touch with you to share the results?

1a. First Name

*must provide value

1b. Last Name

*must provide value

1c. Pronouns

1d. Phone Number

*must provide value

1e. Email Address

*must provide value

Program Location and Status

Please provide the address and status of your early care and education

program. Enter NA if not applicable.

2. My early education and care program is:

- Licensed/Active. Check here if you have an existing program, the program is moving, or you are opening another location.
- Not licensed/New. Check here if your program is not open yet.

3. My early education and care program is/will be:

- Group and School Age Child Care program (center-based)
- Family Child Care program (family-based)

4. Name of program

5. Street Address

6. City/Town

7. ZIP Code

8. Where did you hear about the Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education program?

- EEC Licensor
 EEC Potential Provider Meeting
 Social Media
 Internet Search
 Friend or colleague
 Other
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8a. Please explain.

Property Questionnaire

The next questions ask about the property. It is okay if you don't know the answer.

Lead

Lead-based paint could have been used in buildings built before 1978. Infants, young children, and pregnant people are especially vulnerable to the harmful effects of lead.

9. Was your building constructed before 1978?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know
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9a. Has it been inspected for lead paint?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know
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9b. When was it last inspected?

9c. Do you have a Letter of Compliance from the Department of Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program indicating that either no lead hazards were found or that deleading was completed to remove lead hazards?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Deleading is work done to remove or cover lead hazards and may include actions like replacing windows or covering (encapsulating) old paint.

Radon Radon is a radioactive gas that comes naturally from soil and rocks. Radon can travel from the ground into a building and can cause lung cancer if you breathe it in over many years.

10. Has the building ever been tested for radon?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know
-

10a. Were the results above the EPA Action Guideline of 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L)?

- Yes, but a mitigation system has been installed
 Yes, but a mitigation system has not been installed yet
 No
 Don't know

Property Use and History Former uses of the property may have left behind harmful chemicals. It is also possible that nearby activities could pollute the air, contaminate groundwater, or leave chemicals on the ground that can wash onto neighboring properties.

11. Was the building or property used in the past for any of the following businesses or activities? (Check all that apply)

- Auto Repair/Auto Painting Shop
 - Dry Cleaner
 - Factory/Manufacturing/Industry
 - Farming/Agriculture
 - Fire Station/Firefighter Training
 - Funeral Home
 - Gas Station
 - Landfill/Dump/Junk Yard
 - Old Mill Building/Mill Complex (i.e., paper, tannery, textile mill)
 - Shooting Range
 - 21E/Superfund/Brownfields Site
 - Other businesses that may have used chemicals
 - Don't know
 - None
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11a. For any boxes checked above, please provide as much additional information as possible.

What was the name of the business? When did it operate? Who was the property owner? What type of activities occurred at the property? Other information?

12. Have you seen any of the following at the property? (Check all that apply)

These items may indicate hazardous chemicals were used in the past.

- Appliances
 - Batteries Construction
 - debris Discarded car
 - parts Farm equipment
 - Metal barrels or drums
 - Paint cans
 - None of the above
 - Other
 - Don't know
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12a. Please explain.

13. Are any of the following businesses in the same building, strip mall, or within eyesight? (Check all that apply)

- Art studio (i.e., pottery studio)
- Auto Repair/Auto Painting Shop
- Copy/Print Shop/3-D Printer
- Dry Cleaner
- Factory/Manufacturing/Industry Funeral
- Home
- Gas Station
- Hair Salon/Nail Salon
- Other businesses that may use chemicals
- Don't know
- None

13a. For any boxes checked above, please provide as much additional information as possible.

What is the name of the business? Who is the property owner? Other information?

Drinking Water Clean water is important, especially for infants who drink formula made with tap water.

14. Where does the drinking water come from?
Public water supplier
Private well
Don't know

14a. Has the private well ever been tested?
Yes
No
Don't know

14b. Did any contaminants exceed drinking water standards?
Yes
No
Don't know

15. Has the drinking water been tested for lead?
Yes
No
Don't know

15a. Was lead detected?
Yes
No
Don't know

Soil Soil can contain contaminants such as lead, which can enter a child's body if they touch it or put their hands in their mouths after touching it.

16. Can children touch or play in soil in your outdoor play space?
Yes
No
Don't know

For example, areas with bare soil, patchy grass, or where wood chips/mulch has worn away.

16a. Please explain.

17. Does the program have or plan to have a garden used by children?
Yes
No
Don't know

Using raised beds with clean, purchased soil is the safest gardening method.

Environmental Assessments For example, a Phase I or II Environmental Site Assessment.

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