



Protect Children from Lead

Reduce exposure to lead in your OEC-licensed Child Care Center or Group Child Care Home.



A Child Care Center or Group Child Care Home, located in a building built before 1978, may contain lead-based paint. Lead exposure can lead to health issues, especially in young children.

Any renovation or repair work **must** be completed by an EPA RRP certified firm.

The EPA's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule aims to protect the public from lead-based paint hazards associated with renovations, repair and painting activities as they can create hazardous lead dust when leaded surfaces are disturbed.

The RRP Rule requires that renovations of child-occupied facilities be done by EPA RRP firms who employ certified renovators that are trained in lead-safe work practices.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

- For new Child Care Center licensed applicants: you are required to have a comprehensive lead inspection completed by a CT DPH-licensed Lead Consultant **prior** to opening. If any lead hazards are identified, they must be remediated prior to opening. The remediation must be conducted by an EPA RRP certified firm.
- For an OEC-licensed Child Care Center that is adding new spaces, this must be approved by OEC. You must have a comprehensive lead inspection of those new areas by a CT DPH-licensed Lead Consultant. If any lead hazards are identified, they must be remediated by an EPA RRP certified firm.
- If an OEC-licensed Child Care Center has a lead management plan, the Operator must regularly check those areas for hazards such as chipping and peeling paint or bare soil areas. The Operator must notify OEC and the local health department about the hazards and hire an EPA RRP certified firm to correct the hazards.

