

Demolition and Renovation at Child Care Facilities



This information is intended to help Indiana child care providers (unlicensed, licensed, or registered) identify state and federal regulations pertaining to renovation and demolition projects at their facilities.

Asbestos is a health concern because it is a toxic substance and a known carcinogen. Intact, undisturbed asbestos-containing materials

generally do not pose a health risk. However, these materials can become hazardous and pose increased risk when they are damaged, disturbed, or deteriorate over time and release asbestos fibers into the air.

What does this mean for me?

- All facilities (regardless of age) must be inspected by an Indiana licensed asbestos building inspector prior to demolition or renovation activities where surfaces will be disturbed.
- There are thousands of materials in any structure that could potentially contain asbestos. Thus, a highly trained licensed asbestos inspector is the only person who can conclude a material does not contain asbestos.
- Use an Indiana licensed asbestos inspector to determine whether or not asbestos is present.

If asbestos is found... you must tell your employees and clients:

- What material is presumed to contain asbestos
- The location of the material
- Work practices that will ensure that the material remains undisturbed

Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Lead-based paint was banned for residential use in 1978. Projects, including renovation, repair, and painting, which disturbs lead-based paint, can create lead dust and endanger employees and children.

What does this mean for me?

The RRP rule requires that renovations of child-occupied facilities be carried out only by Lead-Safe Certified renovation firms, using certified renovators trained in lead-safe work practices. This is designed to ensure that these renovations do not inadvertently contaminate your facility and expose children to hazardous lead dust.

- Do you or your employees conduct renovation, repair, or painting activities in a pre-1978 child-occupied facility?
 - If yes, then you must become a [Lead-Safe Certified firm](#) and your employees who conduct renovation, repair, or painting activities must become trained and certified renovators.
 - If no, then hire only a Lead-Safe Certified firm for building maintenance, renovation, repair, or painting activities that could disturb lead-based paint. Make sure your building's contractor is lead-safe certified by asking to see proof. Firms certified by EPA are provided a certificate and an identification number; ask to see it.



Where can I get more information?

IDEM Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program: (888) 574-8150,
www.in.gov/idem/6511.htm

U.S.EPA Lead Program: www.epa.gov/lead/rrp/cofacilities.html