

Choose Safe Places

Top environmental health resources for child care centers



Lead

[Lead-based paint](#) is the primary source of exposure for children. Did you know there are other [emerging sources of lead exposure](#)?

Lead can also be in drinking water. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Services has resources on [lead in drinking water](#) and action to take when a center has [lead plumbing](#).

Are you in Milwaukee? Milwaukee's [Lead-Safe Water Guide](#) has information on how to reduce the risk of lead exposure. Find more information at [Lead-Safe Milwaukee](#).



Drinking Water

Many Wisconsinites use private wells for their drinking water. Test regularly for [bacteria](#), [nitrate](#), and [arsenic](#) to ensure safe water at your center.

If you get your water from a public system, you can review your [consumer confidence report](#) to see where your water comes from and what is in it. If you do not find your system on this webpage, contact your local water utility.



Indoor Air

Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer for nonsmokers. Learn more about [radon](#) and what [actions to take](#) to keep your center safe.

Carbon monoxide is hard to detect. [Take simple steps](#) to protect your center.

Keep areas clean and dry to [prevent indoor mold growth](#).



Healthy Home

If you have an in-home child care center, learn [how to have a healthy home](#).

Want more?

Find these links and more at dhs.wisconsin.gov/environmental/csp-resources.htm and on the back.



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[Lead-based paint](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/index.htm): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/index.htm

[Emerging sources of lead exposure](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01887a.pdf): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01887a.pdf

[DNR lead in drinking water](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/dg/dg0015.pdf): dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/dg/dg0015.pdf

[DNR lead plumbing](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/dg/dg0015.pdf): dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/dg/dg0015.pdf

[Milwaukee's Lead-Safe Water Guide](http://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cityDCD/housing/Lead-SafeWaterGuidewebsite-Eng.pdf): city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cityDCD/housing/Lead-SafeWaterGuidewebsite-Eng.pdf

[Lead-Safe Milwaukee](http://city.milwaukee.gov/LeadSafeMKE): city.milwaukee.gov/LeadSafeMKE



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[Bacteria](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02132.pdf): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02132.pdf

[Nitrate](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02128.pdf): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02128.pdf

[Arsenic](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p4/p45012.pdf): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p4/p45012.pdf

[Consumer confidence report](http://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/safewater/f?p=ccr_wyl:102): ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/safewater/f?p=ccr_wyl:102



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[Radon](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon/index.htm): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon/index.htm

[Actions to take](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01963.pdf): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01963.pdf

[CO take simple steps](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/p-01569.htm): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/p-01569.htm

[Prevent indoor mold growth](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/mold/index.htm): www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/mold/index.htm



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