



Florida Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education

Voluntary Environmental Health (EH) Self-Assessment Form

The Florida Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education (CSPECE) program within the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is an initiative to help keep children safe from harmful environmental hazards during care. This form was developed by the Florida CSPECE initiative for child care providers to self-assess the environmental health of their location. The form considers both property and building information. Your answers will help discover any potential environmental hazards such as chemical contamination on or near the property that could compromise the safety of the staff and children at your child care location.

LIMITATIONS: FDOH’s goal is to identify possible environmental hazards associated with properties to help protect public health. The recommendations provided as part of the Florida CSPECE initiative are limited based on the resources available at the time of the assessment and FDOH’s professional judgment. FDOH cannot guarantee all possible environmental hazards associated with the evaluated sites will be identified.

PARTICIPATION DISCLAIMER: FDOH is not responsible for any costs associated with the recommendations it provides. Any data submitted by the participant or obtained by FDOH during the evaluation process are subject to Florida’s Public Records Law.

By submitting this Environmental Health Self-Assessment Form, I, _____, the owner of _____, acknowledge voluntary participation in the Florida Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education initiative and acknowledge that I have read the Limitations and Participation Disclaimer provided above.



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Instructions:

1. Complete the form to the best of your ability. It is OK if you cannot answer all questions. Space is provided at the end of the form for any additional information you think would be helpful. Taking a photograph of any item described in the form (e.g., metal drum, building, ground cover, playground) can be helpful to assist interpretation of your answers.
2. Save a blank copy of the form for your use whenever you wish. It is suggested to use the checklist at least once a year.
3. When the checklist is completed, save a copy for your record.
4. File the completed checklist (including Page 1) electronically or by mail to:

phtoxicology@flhealth.gov

or

Hazardous Waste Site Health Risk Assessment Program
Attn: Choose Safe Places
Florida Department of Health
Division of Disease Control and Health Protection
Bureau of Environmental Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-08
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-17100

5. For more information, please email ChooseSafePlacesFlorida@flhealth.gov, or call our Toll-Free number at 877-798-2772.

Provider / Day Care Information

Name of the facility/home:

Address:

Street

City/County/ZIP

License No.:

License Date:

Name of person submitting the form:

Contact information: [phone and/ or email]

Date of Submission:



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1. Are the following items visible at or near the child care location? (Check all that apply)

- Metal drums or barrels
- Old cars/vehicle parts
- Discarded white goods (*i.e.*, old appliances)
- Construction or demolition debris (*e.g.*, bricks/concrete, wood, plaster/drywall, plumbing fixtures, roofing, glass, electrical wiring, piping, asphalt pavement, insulation).
Please specify: _____
- Barn(s), farm machinery/equipment
- Other (batteries, paint cans, syringes, *etc.*)
Please specify: _____

Additional comments:

2. What would best describe your outdoor playground surface (ground) cover? (Check all that apply)

- The play area is safe to walk and play.
- The outdoor play area is covered (*e.g.*, grass, asphalt, soft rubber)
Please describe the type of cover that is on the outdoor play area (e.g., grass, asphalt, soft rubber):

- The surface/ground cover is in good condition
- The surface/ground cover has holes in it/exposed parts
- The surface/ground outdoor surface is open gravel

Additional comments:

3. Drinking and irrigation water use information. (Check all that apply)

- The child care location uses water from a municipal source
- The child care location uses a well:
 - for drinking
 - for irrigation
 - property has one or more wells

****If you know of well water results, please specify and note if the results are for drinking and/or irrigation water.*

Please answer following if you checked any of the above:

- I don't know if the wells on this property have been tested
- The wells on this property have not been tested
- The drinking water well has been previously tested for bacteria and/or chemical contaminants
Please specify [date and results]: _____
- The irrigation water well has been previously tested for bacteria and/or chemical contaminants
Please specify [date and results]: _____

4. What business types are located inside the same building, on the same lot, next to or directly across the street from your child care location? (Check all that apply)

- Auto repair/paint shop
- Copy/print shop
- Dry cleaner
- Factory/manufacturing/industrial business
- Farming/agriculture
- Fire station/Fire training facility
- Former funeral home
- Gas station
- Landfill/dump
- Loading dock, large delivery doors
- Metal plating/welding business
- Nail/hair salon
- Building that looks like former factory building
- Old mill building/mill complex
- Recycling facility
- Shooting range
- Wood/paper treatment

Additional comments:

5. Building History. (Check all that apply)

RADON

Has the building ever been tested for radon?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, specify the measured radon level:

_____ picocuries per liter

****Radon is a naturally-occurring cancer-causing contaminant. Radon testing is a requirement for licensed early care and education facilities in 48 of 67 Florida Counties.*

Learn more and see if your building has tested for radon [search by county/city]:
<http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/radon/index.html>

LEAD BASED PAINT

Was the building built before 1978?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, was lead-based paint used in the building?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, was lead-based paint removed?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

****Buildings built before 1978 may have been painted with lead-based paint.*

ASBESTOS

Was the building built before 1989?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, was asbestos used in the building construction?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, was asbestos removed?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

****Buildings constructed before 1989 are more likely to contain asbestos than newer buildings. Asbestos production and use has declined since 1989, due to increased knowledge of the health risks. Buildings from the 1950-1970s may contain asbestos-based materials. Asbestos is only a concern if uncontained. Consider if an asbestos check is necessary.*

6. Location History.

If you know anything about the previous use of the property, please indicate below.

Give details of activities at the location, describe any manufacturing or production that took place, and any other details about previous businesses. If known, please include name(s) of property owner, business and year(s) of operation.

7. Please share any additional information you think is important.

By checking this box, I am requesting an in-depth environmental health assessment of my child care location.

Note: Information you have included on this form will be reviewed and a detailed screening of publicly available databases will be conducted to check for potential environmental contamination on or near your location. If you do not check this box, only the information on your submitted form will be assessed.