



# Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health's (DOH) Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education (CSPECE) program helps to ensure child care facilities are located in safe places, so that children and staff are not exposed to harmful chemicals from the surrounding environment.

To help identify potential environmental hazards at or nearby your facility, please refer to the checklist below. Child care providers who take the CSPECE survey ([https://sst.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6YDlvP6Aw9SyH1Y](https://sst.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6YDlvP6Aw9SyH1Y)) will receive guidance from DOH on ways to prevent or reduce environmental exposures, if any potential harmful exposures are identified.

## BUSINESSES OR CONDITIONS WITHIN ONE BLOCK OR 1/8 MILE OF THE FACILITY:

- Dry cleaners
- High pressure pipelines (1500 feet)
- Nail or hair salons
- Heavy traffic (>100 trucks per day)
- Auto body repair shops
- Airport, port or train stations
- Print or copy shops
- Industries or factories
- Large gas stations
- Power plants
- Landfills
- Incinerators
- Propane or other storage tanks
- Smelters
- Cement plants
- Large agriculture operations
- Chemical plants
- Refineries
- Oil and Natural Gas Production sites

## ITEMS ON THE FACILITY PROPERTY:

- Metal drums, barrels, tanks and/or pumps
- Junk vehicles and/or parts of old cars or trucks
- Discarded old appliances (e.g., refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines and/or pumps)
- Farm machinery or outbuildings
- Other industrial items or items of concern

## FACILITY BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS

- Large delivery doors or loading docks
- Former mill buildings
- Old bricks or factory construction
- Former funeral homes

*This list may not be exhaustive. Identification of an item/hazard above does not necessarily indicate a problem, but further investigation may be warranted. Contact DOH if you have any questions about a potential environmental hazard.*

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