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Preventive Lead Abatement FAQ

Home-base daycares:

What is the program?

Elevate's Preventative Lead Abatement Program fixes lead paint hazards and other home-based health and safety hazards **at no cost to owners of a home-based daycare**. An initial lead paint inspection is conducted. If lead hazards are found during the inspection, the program will hire a licensed contractor to fix the hazards. As an added benefit, interested participants can also receive other health and safety improvements such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, mold remediation, and energy efficiency upgrades.

Why is this program important?

Lead is common in older buildings built before 1978; however, it can harm children, especially those under the age of six. Even at low levels of exposure, it can impact the brain development of a young child and make it difficult for them to learn, pay attention, and succeed in school. Older homes that have additional health and safety hazards like mold, can lead to or worsen respiratory conditions. Addressing these hazards help improve the health of your family and safety of the daycare.

Who can apply?

Any owner of a home-based daycare who resides in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

Who qualifies for the program? You qualify if you:

- Live in Chicago or surrounding suburbs;
 - o All Chicago area codes
 - o Suburban area codes: 60419, 60469, 60406, 60803, 60472, 60415, 60453, 60805, 60456, 60459, 60501, 60804, 60402, 60304, 60302, 60301, 60305, 60707, 60171, 60706, 60176, 60160, 60131, 60164, 60018, 60714, 60077, 60076, 60202, 60712
- Live in a home built before 1978;
- Own and operate a home-based daycare;
- Old, original, painted wood windows;
- Submit photos of chipping/peeling paint and old windows with your application.

What happens after I apply?

Staff will review your application (including photos) you submit. If you qualify, you will receive a phone call from our Call Center to schedule a lead paint inspection.



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What if I don't submit photos?

We require photos to help determine if the home is eligible for a lead paint inspection. Applications without photos will be considered incomplete. If you are unable to upload photos with your application, you may email photos to: leadabatement@elevatenp.org (please include your name and address in the subject line).

What is a lead paint inspection?

A certified lead risk assessor will visit your home and conduct an inspection to determine if lead paint hazards exist at your home. You will receive a copy of the report.

What does participation in the program look like?

1. **Apply** – Please fill out the online application [form](#).
2. **Eligibility** – Applicants who qualify will be contacted to confirm eligibility and discuss next steps.
3. **Lead paint inspection** – A certified lead risk assessor will visit your home to provide a free lead inspection to determine if hazards exist. You will receive a copy of the report.
4. **Free lead repairs** – Elevate and a licensed contractor will visit your home to develop a scope of work based on the hazards found and work with you to schedule construction. Relocation costs will be covered by the program. Elevate will manage the contractor throughout the process. We will ensure that no harmful lead dust is left behind.
5. **Education** – You will receive important education about maintaining a healthy home and you may receive referrals to other programs as an added benefit.

How much will I have to pay?

All work completed through the program is free and offered at no cost to homeowners.

Will I have to close my daycare during construction?

Yes. You will be required to close the daycare while work is being completed for the safety of children.

Will I have to relocate during construction?

In most cases, you will need to relocate when the work is occurring. Elevate provides a relocation stipend for the cost of lodging expenses based on the number of days the work will take place.

Is there a deadline to apply?



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Typically, the application period opens at the beginning of the year and closes in the Spring or Summer, depending on the number of applications we receive. Applications are reviewed and accepted on a first come, first served basis.

I have additional questions – who can I reach out to?

If you have additional questions, please contact us at leadabatement@elevatenp.org.