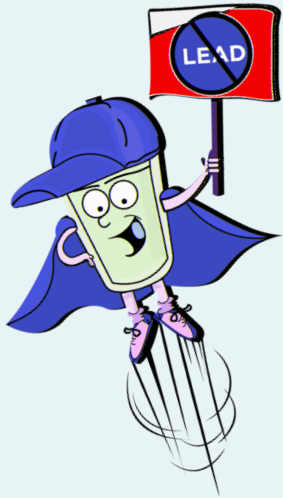


3Ts to Protect Children from Lead in Drinking Water at Child Care Facilities



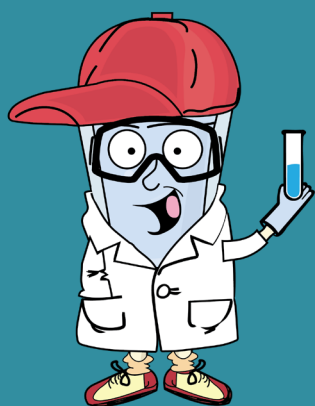
Lead is a toxic metal. When children and others are exposed to lead, it can have adverse health effects that include, reduced IQ and attention span, learning disabilities, poor classroom performance, hyperactivity, impaired growth, behavioral problems, and hearing loss. **There is no safe blood lead level in children.**

Protect children by reducing dangerous lead sources before children are exposed to them! The U.S. EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water program educates and trains staff to deal with lead in drinking water, provides materials to conduct testing, and ensures results and activities are communicated to the entire community quickly and effectively.

THE 3Ts - TRAINING, TESTING, TAKING ACTION - PROGRAM

TRAINING

Train staff and parents about the sources and health effects of lead in drinking water and providing the tools they need to protect children.

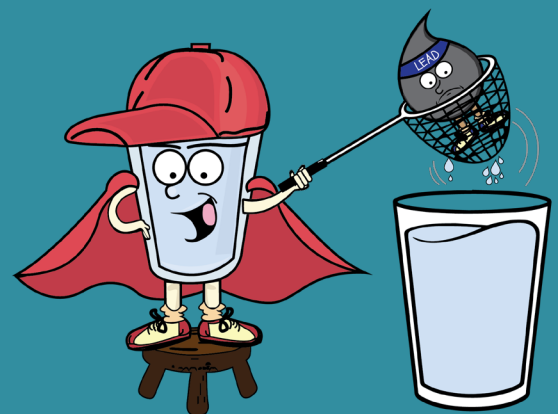


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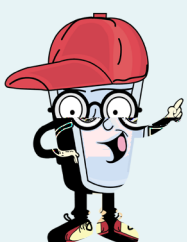
Test drinking water in child care facilities to identify potential lead sources and to take actions if necessary.

TAKING ACTION

Take action to reduce lead in drinking water, as well as communicating to parents, staff, and the community about risks, testing results, and recommended actions.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



For U.S. EPA's 3Ts Toolkit, visit: www.epa.gov/safewater/3Ts

Free lead testing is available to child care facilities that are WIIN Grant recipients. For more information, visit:

www.epa.gov/safewater/grants



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