

Texas Safe Childcare Siting Initiative



The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) created the Texas Safe Childcare Siting Initiative (TSCSI) to make sure child care centers are located in places that are safe from dangerous chemicals in the environment. If a center is near a hazardous site, children and staff could be exposed to harmful chemicals.

TSCSI is a partnership between:

- DSHS
- Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry's, Choose Safe Places for Early Care & Education Program

Why the concern?

Children are more likely to get sick from harmful chemicals than adults.

- Exposure to harmful chemicals at such a young age could greatly affect a child's development.
- Common hand-to-mouth behavior and playing on the ground can lead to more contact with chemicals.
- They eat more food and drink more water relative to their body size.

What should I think about when choosing my childcare facility?

- What is close to the site?
- How was the site used before?
- Is the drinking water clean?

DSHS can help!

- Visit dshs.texas.gov/epitox/Safe-Child-Care-Siting-Initiative.
- Complete the voluntary questionnaire.
- We will help you determine if a potential facility site is safe from environmental contamination.

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