

Pest Control Procedure

Regulations		
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Purpose

The Early Learning Program does not use pesticides in classrooms/centers or outdoor environments however, we are housed in buildings who may find it necessary to use pesticides. Programs must take the following appropriate steps to safely prevent or control pests that pose a risk to the health and safety of adults and children.

Procedure

1. **Prevention:** Programs must take steps to prevent attracting pests including, but not limited to, identifying, and removing food and water sources that attract pests.
2. **Inspection:** Indoor and outdoor areas in and around the space must be inspected for evidence of pests. Licensed spaces must document the date and location if evidence is found.
3. **Identification:** Pests found in the space must be identified and documented so the pest may be properly removed or exterminated.
4. **Management:** Licensed sites must document (obtain from building management) the steps taken to remove or exterminate the pests if found in the licensed space.
5. **Notification:** If pesticides are used, the early learning provider must notify the parents or guardians of children what pesticide will be applied and where it will be applied no less than forty-eight hours before application, unless in cases of emergency (such as a wasp nest).
6. **Application:** Pesticide must be applied to early learning program space when children are not present.
 - Natural, nonchemical, low-toxicity methods where pesticides or herbicides are used as a last resort.
7. When pesticides are necessary programs work with building management to obtain their plan regarding posting and notification and work with them to ensure it meets the requirements of the Pesticide Application Act.