Utah Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education





What is Safe Siting for ECE's?

Safe siting for early care and education centers (ECE's) means locating them in settings that are safe from harmful contaminants that could be found at or near the property or building.

What is Utah's Choose **Safe Places Program?**

The Choose Safe Places voluntary program offers guidance to help child care center operators make safer siting decisions that protect staff and children from harmful environmental contaminants and chemical toxins.

What are the 4 elements of safe early care and education siting?



Site history

1. Former use of a site



Sites

2. Nearby sites and activities



Contaminants

3. Natural & human contamination



Drinking water

4. Safe drinking water

How can the APPLETREE program help you?

Did you know children are more sensitive to toxic chemicals compare to adults?

They are more at risk because:

- Their bodies are still growing and developing
- Their bodies can't flush out harmful chemicals as fast
- They drink more water and breathe more air
- · Crawling and hand-to mouth behavior



We provide:

- Health information
- Data review
- Consultation
- Recommendations



We cannot provide:

- Sampling
- Chemical testing
- Clean-up

Additional resources

UT Choose Safe Places:



UT Child Care Licensing Program:



ATSDR Choose Safe Places:



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