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Regulation Number: **1302.47(b)(10)**	**Regulation Title:** **Safety Practices**	**Policy Title:** **Preventing Exposure to Lead in Water and Paint**

Policy: Programs must develop a plan to prevent children from being exposed to lead in water and paint in Head Start* facilities.

Programs are required to maintain a facility that is free from pollutants, hazards, and toxins that are accessible to children and could endanger their safety — and that includes lead in water and paint:

- In facilities where lead may exist, programs must implement ongoing practices, including testing and inspection at least every two years, with support from trained professionals.
- As needed, programs must pursue remediation or abatement to prevent lead exposure.

*Head Start is inclusive of EHS and HS.