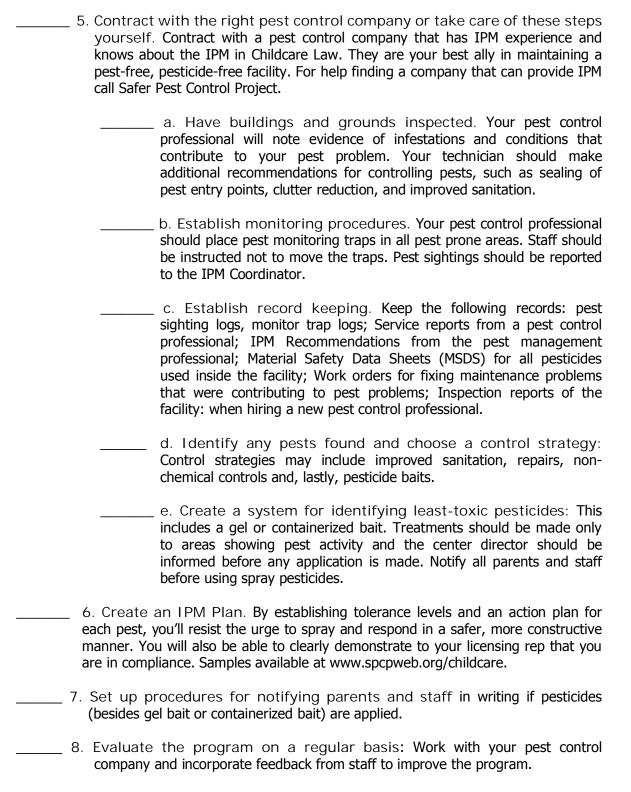
Set Up Your IPM Program in Eight Steps

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Integrate Pest Management (IPM) is common sense pest control. It relies on pest prevention, monitoring for pest problems, and control methods like traps and bait to eliminate or drastically reduce pesticide use. Using IPM in your facility will control pests and protect the children in your care from the health risks associated with exposure to pests and pesticides – it is also required by law.

These steps will keep you on track as you transition to IPM. To help you with the transition, IPM Training Workshops are available. Call your local Resource & Referral Agency or Safer Pest Control Project 773/878-7378 for details.

IPM Pro	ogram Checklist:
	1. Adopt an IPM policy. This policy should state how pests will be managed inside your facility and in outdoor play areas. Your policy should establish a procedure to notify parents and staff if pesticides must be used and create minimum qualifications for a pest control company. Visit www.spcpweb.org/childcare/ and look for 'Sample IPM Policy for Childcares' under resources.
	2. Designate an IPM Coordinator. This person acts as a liaison with the pest control company. Staff members should report any pest sightings to this person. Recommendations from the pest control technician (for cleaning, repairs, etc) should be relayed by the IPM Coordinator to staff and administrators. Often, the program director or facility manager acts as the IPM Coordinator.
	3. Educate staff, faculty and parents about IPM program. IPM is a team effort, requiring cooperation among the director, teachers, custodian, maintenance staff, kids and parents. Fact sheets and training workshops and materials are available – call Safer Pest Control Project (773/878-7378).
	4. Implement 3 steps of pest prevention. The three steps for pest prevention are ongoing tasks – requiring everybody's participation. For details on each step attend an IPM Training Workshop, call your local R & R Agency or Safer Pest Control Project (773/878-7378) for details.
	a. Keep Pests Out: Perform repairs as needed to prevent pest access to buildings.
	b. Remove Pests' Food & Water: Review sanitation practices. Sanitation includes kitchen cleaning and maintenance, and waste disposal. Repair leaking pipes and eliminate standing water wherever possible.
	c. Remove Pest Shelter: Clutter offers shelter for many pests, including rodents, spiders, and cockroaches. Organize clutter and eliminate cardboard. Convert to "box-less storage" as much as possible, particularly in food areas.



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