

**15A NCAC 18A .2825 WALLS AND CEILINGS**

(a) In child care centers, the walls and ceilings, including doors and windows, of all rooms and areas shall be kept clean, free of visible fungal growth, and in good repair. All walls and ceilings shall be free of peeling, flaking, chalking, or otherwise deteriorating paint.

(b) Walls and ceilings in rooms in which food is stored, handled, or prepared, utensil-washing rooms, and toilet rooms shall be nonabsorbent. Acoustic and other absorbent ceiling material may be used where ventilation in the room precludes the possibility of grease and moisture absorption by the acoustic or other material. For child care centers licensed for fewer than 13 children and located in a residence, ceilings of residential construction are acceptable if kept clean and in good repair.

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