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Lead has not been detected in Lincoln Field's artificial turf

A recent Boston Globe article (*In fake grass, some see real threat-Tests reveal lead in school fields*, By Megan Woolhouse, *Globe Staff* | January 19, 2009) discussed concern about athletic fields constructed out of artificial turf, which may pose a threat to children due to the lead contained in the synthetic fibers. Last spring, the Office of Community Development, Health Division, Board of Health and the Town of Lexington Recreation Department proactively researched this issue by contacting the manufacturer of the artificial turf for Lincoln field. It was revealed that lead was not used in the manufacturing process of this synthetic fiber material. In addition, two independent testing laboratories had been hired (by the Health Division and Recreation Department) to collect samples of artificial turf to be analyzed for the presence of lead. Both test results came back as Non - Detectable (ND), which indicates that lead was not present in these samples of artificial turf.

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