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# Lead-Based Paint Inspection and Risk Assessment Report

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## 1.0 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

### BUILDING DATA

15611 SE 11th Street  
Bellevue, WA

### CLIENT DATA

King County Housing Authority  
625 Andover Park West  
Tukwila, Washington 98188

Attn: Ms. Deborah McCaslin


### SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

On June 22, 2012, PBS Engineering + Environmental (PBS) conducted a lead-based paint inspection and risk assessment in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing. The single-family residence at 15611 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue, Washington was the subject of the inspection.

### CERTIFICATIONS

#### Risk Assessor

Janet Murphy  
State of Washington  
Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development  
Risk Assessor Certification No: 0258 Expiration Date: 3/8/2013

  
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Signature

June 29, 2012  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### Certifying Firm

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Expiration Date: 9/3/2012

#### Certified Laboratory

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Telephone: 206.547.0100

AIHA NLLAP Certification No: 101861

## 2.0 LEAD PAINT INSPECTION

### 2.1 Site Information

The building is of wood construction with gypsum interior walls and ceilings. The exterior is wood siding with wood window and door frames. There are three bedrooms, one bathroom, kitchen and a garage. The building is in good condition.

The majority of the interior surfaces are painted. Walls and ceilings are painted gypsum wallboard. Built-in cabinets in the kitchen are made of wood and varnished brown. The exterior wood siding and soffits are painted gray. Exterior door and window frames are painted white. The garage has a painted ceiling, the walls are unfinished drywall.

### 2.2 Lead-Based Paint Inspection

The presence of lead in paint was determined through x-ray fluorescence spectroscopy.

#### 2.2.1 XRF Sampling

A handheld INNOV-X Systems Inc. X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer (XRF) operating in lead paint mode was used to perform a surface by surface lead paint inspection of each selected unit and building.

HUD and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have set 1.0 milligrams per square centimeter ( $\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$ ) as the threshold limit for lead-based paint as determined through X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) testing. HUD and EPA have set 5,000 parts per million (ppm), or 0.5 percent by atomic absorption (AA) laboratory analysis as the threshold limit for lead-based paint. Paint that is known to contain lead levels less than those described above does not have to be evaluated, although all deteriorated paint (paint surfaces in poor condition) should be repaired because it may contain lower levels of lead that may contribute to lead dust or lead contaminated soil hazards.

All calibration readings were within the tolerance for this instrument. No substrate correction is required with the INNOV-X Systems XRF per the instrument's performance characteristic sheet.

The "Side" information presented on the XRF data sheets is in relation to the side of the rooms, or building exteriors where the XRF test spot is located. The inspector/risk assessor used the side with the posted address for each residence as the basis to establish side "A". Sides B, C, and D follow in clockwise rotation. The side with the posted address is used to establish Bedroom 1. The other bedrooms follow in a clockwise rotation.

Please refer to the XRF sample data table for the complete list of XRF samples located in Tab 1.

### 2.3 Components with Lead-Based Paint

Lead was not found in painted components above the HUD level of  $1\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$  by XRF or 0.5% by AA.

## 2.4 Deteriorated Lead-Based Paint Surfaces

Painted surfaces were evaluated to be in an intact condition. No painted surfaces contained lead.

## 3.0 LEAD-BASED PAINT RISK ASSESSMENT

### 3.1 Locations and Types of Lead Hazards Identified

Lead-based paint was not found on any painted components above the HUD levels.

### 3.2 Dust Sample Results

The purpose of dust sampling is to determine the lead concentration in settled dust. Dust is an important pathway for childhood exposure to lead. Children can be exposed to leaded dust by inhalation or ingestion. Ingestion of leaded dust is a common pathway during normal hand to mouth activities involving their fingers, or toys that have come in contact with leaded dusts. Wipe sampling is the recommended method for collecting surface dust samples. Dust samples are typically collected from floors near friction and impact spots or areas of deteriorated paint, interior window sills, and window wells. Cabinets, shelves, and table tops may also be sampled if there is reason to suspect a surface dust hazard may exist caused by friction, impact points, or from areas of deteriorated paint nearby.

Dust wipes were collected in accordance with EPA 747-R-95-001, Residential Sampling for Lead: Protocols for Dust and Soil Sampling. All wipe samples were analyzed using EPA Method SW846-7000B, Flame Atomic Absorption.

HUD has established the following threshold limits for lead in settled dust in target housing: 40 µg/ft<sup>2</sup> on floors, 250 µg/ft<sup>2</sup> on window sills, and 400 µg/ft<sup>2</sup> in window wells.

Results of the single surface dust sampling conducted during this assessment revealed lead concentrations below EPA/HUD lead standards indicating that lead hazards do not exist as discussed above. The following table lists the locations and findings from lead dust wipe sampling.

SAMPLE NO.	LOCATION	SURFACE	LEAD (µg/ft <sup>2</sup> )
40573.077-W1	Living room, Front entry	Floor	<18.0
40573.077-W2	Kitchen back	Floor	<18.0
40573.077-W3	Bedroom 1	Floor	<18.0

Lead wipe sample inventory and lab reports are located under Tab 1.

### 3.3 Soil Samples

Composite soil sampling was conducted around the foundation or “drip line” of the house. The soil samples were collected in accordance with EPA 747-R-95-001, Residential Sampling for Lead: Protocols for Dust and Soil Sampling. All samples were analyzed using EPA Method SW846-7000B, Flame Atomic Absorption.

The EPA/HUD threshold for bare residential soil is 1,200 parts per million (ppm) and for child’s play areas is 250 ppm.

Analysis of the composite soil samples collected from the exterior drip lines of selected buildings revealed lead in soil below the EPA/HUD threshold for bare residential soil. Lead soil sample chain-of-custody and lab reports are located under Tab 1.

PBS inspected the property for areas of bare soil in excess of 9 SF. Areas of bare soil were not present. There were no playground areas on the property for soil sampling

SAMPLE NO.	LOCATION	LEAD (ppm)
S1	Composite from drip line	<30.0

#### 4.0 LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

##### 4.1 Definitions

Lead-based paint was not identified on this property. Analysis of dust wipe, and soil samples resulted in lead concentrations below the HUD reporting limit.

##### 4.2 Program Development

A hazard control program is not required to be established for this property

##### 4.3 Lead Hazard Control Recommendations

No lead hazards were observed during this assessment. However, It is possible that lead hazards could develop at this site that did not exist at the time of this assessment. In order to prevent hazards from developing, PBS recommends that any new paint added to the buildings be lead-free.

##### 4.4 Notification of Results of the Risk Assessment

The Owner should provide results of this report to the residents in the dwelling. The Owner should explain to the residents:

1. No lead hazards were identified at the property.
2. Provide a copy of the EPA brochure; Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home located in Tab 2 to the residents.

**TAB 1**

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**Lab Reports and Sample Data Sheets**

XRF Data Sheets

Dust Wipe Sample Analyses

Soil Sample Analyses

Reading	Room	Component	Substrate	Color	Condition	Result (mg/sq cm)	Positive/Negative
<b>Living Room</b>							
121	Living Room	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
122	Side A	Door	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
123	Side A	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
124	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
125	Side A	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
126	Side A	Sill	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
127	Side B	Gypsum wallboard	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
128	Side B	Covebase	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
129	Side B	Fireplace shelf	Gypsum wallboard	Brown	Intact	0	Negative
130	Side B	Fireplace Infill	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
131	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
132	Side C	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
133	Side D	Wall	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
134	Side D	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
135	Side D	Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
136	Void						
137	Side D	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Kitchen/Dining Room</b>							
Kitchen/Dining Room							
138	Side A	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
139	Side A	Cabinet	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
140	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
141	Side B	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
142	Side B	Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
143	Side B	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
144	Side C	Sliding Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
145	Side C	Sill	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
146	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
147	Side D	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Bathroom</b>							
148	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
149	Side A	Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
150	Side A	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
151	Side B	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
152	Side B	Cabinet	Wood	Brown	Intact	0	Negative
153	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
154	Side D	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Bedroom 3</b>							
Bedroom 3							
155	Side A	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
156	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	Yellow	Intact	0	Negative
157	Side A	Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
158	Side A	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative

Reading	Room	Component	Substrate	Color	Condition	Result (mg/sq cm)	Positive/Negative
159	Side B	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
160	Side B	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
161	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
162	Side C	Sill	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
163	Side C	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
164	Side D	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
165	Side D	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
166	Side A	Closet Roll Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Bedroom 2</b>							
167	Bedroom 2	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
168	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
169	Side A	Sill	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
170	Side A	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
171	Side B	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
172	Side B	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
173	Side C	Gypsum wallboard	Gypsum wallboard	Yellow	Intact	0	Negative
174	Side C	Closet Roll Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
175	Side C	Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
176	Side C	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
177	Side D	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
178	Side D	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Bedroom 1</b>							
179	Bedroom 1	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
180	Side A	Sill	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
181	Side A	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
182	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
183	Side B	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	Yellow	Intact	0	Negative
184	Side B	Closet Roll Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
185	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
186	Side C	Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
187	Side C	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
188	Side D	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
189	Side D	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Hall</b>							
190	Hall	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
191	Side A	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	Yellow	Intact	0	Negative
192	Side A	Covebase	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
193	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	Yellow	Intact	0	Negative
194	Side C	Closet Roll Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
195	Side C	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
196	Side D	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	Yellow	Intact	0	Negative
197	Side D	Closet Door	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative

Reading	Room	Component	Substrate	Color	Condition	Result (mg/sq cm)	Positive/Negative
198	Side D	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Inside Garage</b>							
199	Side C	Wall	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
200	Side C	Siding	Wood	Tan	Intact	0	Negative
201	Side C	Door Frame	Wood	Tan	Intact	0	Negative
202	Ceiling	Ceiling	Gypsum wallboard	White	Intact	0	Negative
<b>Exterior</b>							
203	Side B	Siding	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
204	Side B	Trim at Roof	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
205	Side D	Siding	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
206	Side D	Trim at Roof	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
207	Side A	Door	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
208	Side A	Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
209	Side A	Downspout	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
210	Side A	Downspout	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
211	Side A	Window Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
212	Side A	Window Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
213	Side A	Window Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
214	Side A	Garage Door	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
215	Side A	Garage Door Trim	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
216	Side A	Garage Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
217	Side A	Horizontal Siding	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
218	Side A	Vertical Siding	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
219	Side A	Soffit	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
220	Side A	Gutter	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
221	Side C	Sliding Door Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
222	Side C	Window Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
223	Void					0	
224	Side C	Window Frame	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative
225	Side C	Siding	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
226	Side C	Downspout	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
227	Side C	Downspout	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
228	Side C	Gutter	Metal	White	Intact	0	Negative
229	Side C	Soffit	Wood	Gray	Intact	0	Negative
230	Side C	Trim at Roof	Wood	White	Intact	0	Negative

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## Analysis Report

### Total Lead (Pb)

Client: PBS Environmental (Seattle)  
Address: 2517 Eastlake Ave E, Suite 100  
Seattle, WA 98102

**Batch #: 1209670.00**

Matrix: Dust/wipe (Area)

Method: EPA 7000B

Client Project #: 40573.077

Date Received: 06/25/2012

Samples Received: 3

Samples Analyzed: 3

**Attention: Ms. Janet Murphy**

Project Location: KCHA Bellevue Houses 15611 SE 11th Street

Lab ID	Client Sample #	Element	Sample sq ft	RL ug/ sq ft	Results in ug/wipe	Results in ug/sq. ft
12057464	40573.077-W1	Lead (Pb)	0.50	18.0	< 9.2	< 18.0
12057465	40573.077-W2	Lead (Pb)	0.50	18.0	< 9.2	< 18.0
12057466	40573.077-W3	Lead (Pb)	0.50	18.0	< 9.2	< 18.0

Sampled by: Client

Analyzed by: Aaron Brown

Reviewed by: Nick Ly

Date Analyzed: 06/26/2012

Date Issued: 06/26/2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Ly".

Nick Ly, Technical Director

ug/ sq. ft. =Micrograms per square foot

ug / wipe = Micrograms per wipe

RL = Reporting Limit

'<' = Below the reporting Limit

Note : Method QC results are acceptable unless stated otherwise. Concentration (ug/ft<sup>2</sup>) not reported if sample area is zero.  
Unless otherwise indicated, the condition of all samples was acceptable at time of receipt.



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## Analysis Report

### Total Lead (Pb)

Client: PBS Environmental (Seattle)  
Address: 2517 Eastlake Ave E, Suite 100  
Seattle, WA 98102

**Batch #: 1209671.00**

Matrix: Soil

Method: EPA 7000B

Client Project #: 40573.077

Date Received: 06/25/2012

Samples Received: 1

Samples Analyzed: 1

**Attention: Ms. Janet Murphy**

Project Location: KCHA Bellevue Houses 15611 SE 11th Street

Lab ID	Client Sample #	Sample Wt (g)	RL mg/ kg	Results in mg/Kg	Results in ppm
12057467	40573.077-S1	0.3093	30.0	< 30.0	< 30.0

Sampled by: Client

Analyzed by: Aaron Brown

Reviewed by: Nick Ly

Date Analyzed: 06/26/2012

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mg/ kg = Milligrams per kilogram

ppm = Parts per million

RL = Reporting Limit

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## **TAB 2**

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### **Publications**

Pamphlet *"Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home"*

Pamphlet *"Testing Your Home for Lead in Paint, Dust, and Soil"*

Pamphlet *"The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule"*

Provided Electronically

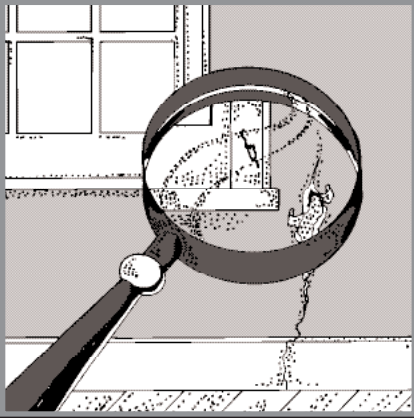
# Simple Steps To Protect Your Family From Lead Hazards

## If you think your home has high levels of lead:

- ◆ Get your young children tested for lead, even if they seem healthy.
- ◆ Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- ◆ Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods.
- ◆ Get your home checked for lead hazards.
- ◆ Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- ◆ Wipe soil off shoes before entering house.
- ◆ Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- ◆ Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling or renovating (call 1-800-424-LEAD for guidelines).
- ◆ Don't use a belt-sander, propane torch, high temperature heat gun, scraper, or sandpaper on painted surfaces that may contain lead.
- ◆ Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.

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# Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home

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Protection Agency



United States  
Consumer Product  
Safety Commission



United States  
Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

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# Are You Planning To Buy, Rent, or Renovate a Home Built Before 1978?

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**M**any houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that contains high levels of lead (called lead-based paint). Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards if not taken care of properly.



**OWNERS, BUYERS, and RENTERS** are encouraged to check for lead (see page 6) before renting, buying or renovating pre-1978 housing.

**F**ederal law requires that individuals receive certain information before renting, buying, or renovating pre-1978 housing:



**LANDLORDS** have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a disclosure about lead-based paint.



**SELLERS** have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before selling a house. Sales contracts must include a disclosure about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.



**RENOVATORS** disturbing more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces have to give you this pamphlet before starting work.

# IMPORTANT!

## Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil Can Be Dangerous If Not Managed Properly

- FACT:** Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- FACT:** Even children who seem healthy can have high levels of lead in their bodies.
- FACT:** People can get lead in their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- FACT:** People have many options for reducing lead hazards. In most cases, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard.
- FACT:** Removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.

If you think your home might have lead hazards, read this pamphlet to learn some simple steps to protect your family.

# Lead Gets in the Body in Many Ways

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**Childhood lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem in the U.S.**

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**Even children who appear healthy can have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.**

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## **People can get lead in their body if they:**

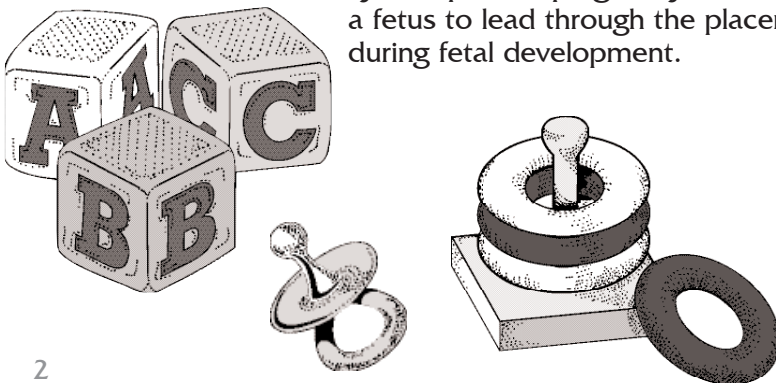
- ◆ Breathe in lead dust (especially during renovations that disturb painted surfaces).
- ◆ Put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths.
- ◆ Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

## **Lead is even more dangerous to children under the age of 6:**

- ◆ At this age children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- ◆ Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- ◆ Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.

## **Lead is also dangerous to women of childbearing age:**

- ◆ Women with a high lead level in their system prior to pregnancy would expose a fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.



## Lead's Effects

It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

### In children, lead can cause:

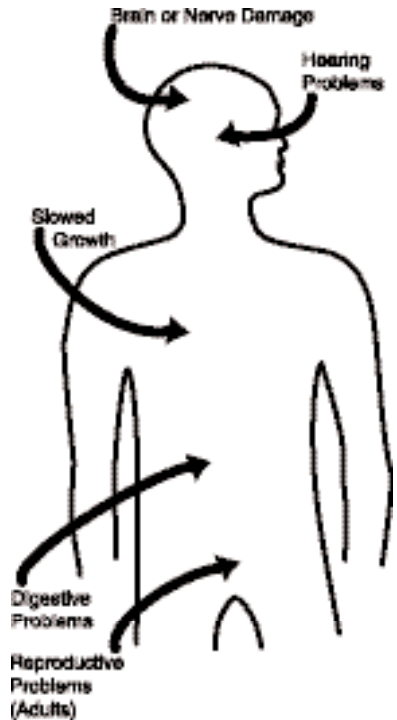
- ◆ Nervous system and kidney damage.
- ◆ Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence.
- ◆ Speech, language, and behavior problems.
- ◆ Poor muscle coordination.
- ◆ Decreased muscle and bone growth.
- ◆ Hearing damage.

While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high levels of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and, in some cases, death.

Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults too.

### In adults, lead can cause:

- ◆ Increased chance of illness during pregnancy.
- ◆ Harm to a fetus, including brain damage or death.
- ◆ Fertility problems (in men and women).
- ◆ High blood pressure.
- ◆ Digestive problems.
- ◆ Nerve disorders.
- ◆ Memory and concentration problems.
- ◆ Muscle and joint pain.



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**Lead affects  
the body in  
many ways.**

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## Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

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**In general, the older your home, the more likely it has lead-based paint.**

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**Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint.** The federal government banned lead-based paint from housing in 1978. Some states stopped its use even earlier. Lead can be found:

- ◆ In homes in the city, country, or suburbs.
- ◆ In apartments, single-family homes, and both private and public housing.
- ◆ Inside and outside of the house.
- ◆ In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

## Checking Your Family for Lead

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**Get your children and home tested if you think your home has high levels of lead.**

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**To reduce your child's exposure to lead, get your child checked, have your home tested (especially if your home has paint in poor condition and was built before 1978), and fix any hazards you may have.**

Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect high levels of lead. Blood tests are usually recommended for:

- ◆ Children at ages 1 and 2.
- ◆ Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead.
- ◆ Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan.

Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.

# Identifying Lead Hazards

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**Lead-based paint** is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition, and it is not on an impact or friction surface, like a window. It is defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter, or more than 0.5% by weight.

**Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking or damaged)** is a hazard and needs immediate attention. It may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear-and-tear, such as:

- ◆ Windows and window sills.
- ◆ Doors and door frames.
- ◆ Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches.

**Lead dust** can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Dust also forms when painted surfaces bump or rub together. Lead chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can re-enter the air when people vacuum, sweep, or walk through it. The following two federal standards have been set for lead hazards in dust:

- ◆ 40 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors.
- ◆ 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and higher for interior window sills.

**Lead in soil** can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. The following two federal standards have been set for lead hazards in residential soil:

- ◆ 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil.
- ◆ 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard.

The only way to find out if paint, dust and soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes the most common methods used.

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**Lead from paint chips, which you can see, and lead dust, which you can't always see, can both be serious hazards.**

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# Checking Your Home for Lead

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**Just knowing that a home has lead-based paint may not tell you if there is a hazard.**

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You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- ◆ A paint **inspection** tells you whether your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether or not your home currently has lead hazards.
- ◆ A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards.
- ◆ A combination risk assessment and inspection tells you if your home has any lead hazards and if your home has any lead-based paint, and where the lead-based paint is located.

Hire a trained and certified testing professional who will use a range of reliable methods when testing your home.

- ◆ Visual inspection of paint condition and location.
- ◆ A portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine.
- ◆ Lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples.

There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency (see bottom of page 11) for more information, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.

**Home test kits for lead are available, but may not always be accurate.** Consumers should not rely on these kits before doing renovations or to assure safety.

# What You Can Do Now To Protect Your Family

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If you suspect that your house has lead hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:

- ◆ **If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.**
- ◆ **Clean up paint chips immediately.**
- ◆ **Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly.** Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner or a cleaner made specifically for lead. **REMEMBER: NEVER MIX AMMONIA AND BLEACH PRODUCTS TOGETHER SINCE THEY CAN FORM A DANGEROUS GAS.**
- ◆ **Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads after cleaning dirty or dusty areas.**
- ◆ **Wash children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.**
- ◆ **Keep play areas clean.** Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- ◆ **Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces.**
- ◆ **Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.**
- ◆ **Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products.** Children with good diets absorb less lead.



# Reducing Lead Hazards In The Home

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**Removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.**

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**Always use a professional who is trained to remove lead hazards safely.**

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In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition:

- ◆ You can **temporarily** reduce lead hazards by taking actions such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover soil with high lead levels. These actions (called “interim controls”) are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- ◆ To **permanently** remove lead hazards, you should hire a certified lead “abatement” contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent removal.

Always hire a person with special training for correcting lead problems—someone who knows how to do this work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly. Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

Once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be repeated until testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following:

- ◆ 40 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) for floors, including carpeted floors;
- ◆ 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for interior windows sills; and
- ◆ 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for window troughs.

Call your state or local agency (see bottom of page 11) for help in locating certified professionals in your area and to see if financial assistance is available.

# Remodeling or Renovating a Home With Lead-Based Paint

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Take precautions before your contractor or you begin remodeling or renovating anything that disturbs painted surfaces (such as scraping off paint or tearing out walls):

- ◆ **Have the area tested for lead-based paint.**
- ◆ **Do not use a belt-sander, propane torch, high temperature heat gun, dry scraper, or dry sandpaper** to remove lead-based paint. These actions create large amounts of lead dust and fumes. Lead dust can remain in your home long after the work is done.
- ◆ **Temporarily move your family** (especially children and pregnant women) out of the apartment or house until the work is done and the area is properly cleaned. If you can't move your family, at least completely seal off the work area.
- ◆ **Follow other safety measures to reduce lead hazards.** You can find out about other safety measures by calling 1-800-424-LEAD. Ask for the brochure "Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home." This brochure explains what to do before, during, and after renovations.

If you have already completed renovations or remodeling that could have released lead-based paint or dust, get your young children tested and follow the steps outlined on page 7 of this brochure.



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**If not conducted properly, certain types of renovations can release lead from paint and dust into the air.**

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## Other Sources of Lead

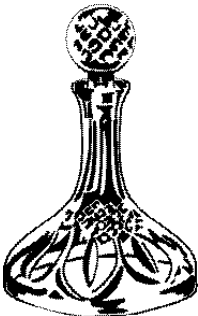
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**While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead, other lead sources also exist.**

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- ◆ **Drinking water.** Your home might have plumbing with lead or lead solder. Call your local health department or water supplier to find out about testing your water. You cannot see, smell, or taste lead, and boiling your water will not get rid of lead. If you think your plumbing might have lead in it:
  - Use only cold water for drinking and cooking.
  - Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.
- ◆ **The job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your hands or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.
- ◆ Old painted **toys** and **furniture**.
- ◆ Food and liquids stored in **lead crystal** or **lead-glazed pottery or porcelain**.
- ◆ **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.
- ◆ **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture.
- ◆ **Folk remedies** that contain lead, such as "greta" and "azarcon" used to treat an upset stomach.

## For More Information

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### The National Lead Information Center

Call **1-800-424-LEAD (424-5323)** to learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and for other information on lead hazards. To access lead information via the web, visit **[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)** and **[www.hud.gov/offices/lead/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/)**.

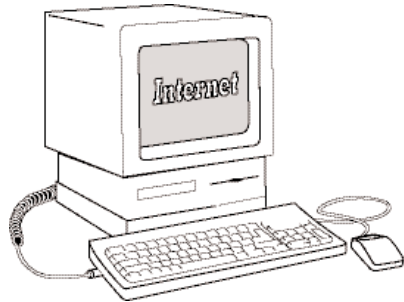


### EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

Call **1-800-426-4791** for information about lead in drinking water.

### Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline

To request information on lead in consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's Web site at: **[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)**.



### Health and Environmental Agencies

Some cities, states, and tribes have their own rules for lead-based paint activities. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your local contacts on the Internet at **[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)** or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

For the hearing impaired, call the Federal Information Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339** to access any of the phone numbers in this brochure.

# EPA Regional Offices

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Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

## EPA Regional Offices

**Region 1** (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 1  
Suite 1100 (CPT)  
One Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02114-2023  
1 (888) 372-7341

**Region 2** (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 2  
2890 Woodbridge Avenue  
Building 209, Mail Stop 225  
Edison, NJ 08837-3679  
(732) 321-6671

**Region 3** (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 3 (3WC33)  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 814-5000

**Region 4** (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-8998

**Region 5** (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3666  
(312) 886-6003

**Region 6** (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733  
(214) 665-7577

**Region 7** (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 7  
(ARTD-RALI)  
901 N. 5th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
(913) 551-7020

**Region 8** (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 8  
999 18th Street, Suite 500  
Denver, CO 80202-2466  
(303) 312-6021

**Region 9** (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 947-4164

**Region 10** (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 10  
Toxics Section WCM-128  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101-1128  
(206) 553-1985

## CPSC Regional Offices

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Your Regional CPSC Office can provide further information regarding regulations and consumer product safety.

### **Eastern Regional Center**

Consumer Product Safety Commission  
201 Varick Street, Room 903  
New York, NY 10014  
(212) 620-4120

### **Western Regional Center**

Consumer Product Safety Commission  
1301 Clay Street, Suite 610-N  
Oakland, CA 94612  
(510) 637-4050

### **Central Regional Center**

Consumer Product Safety Commission  
230 South Dearborn Street, Room 2944  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 353-8260

## HUD Lead Office

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Please contact HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for information on lead regulations, outreach efforts, and lead hazard control and research grant programs.

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
451 Seventh Street, SW, P-3206  
Washington, DC 20410  
(202) 755-1785

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# Testing Your Home For Lead In Paint, Dust, And Soil





## About This Publication

This publication is for anyone who is considering having a home or residence tested for lead in paint, dust, or soil by a lead-based paint professional. It explains the technical aspects of lead testing without overwhelming the reader. Thus, commonly asked questions are presented in logical order. The first section tells why you would test for lead, the approaches for testing for lead, and what information you will get from each approach. The second section answers specific questions about how paint, soil, and dust sampling are conducted by a lead-based paint professional in your home. Finally, the last section answers other questions about testing, including questions about home test kits and testing of water and ceramics.

### Important:

This publication addresses federal regulations and guidelines. Your state may have its own lead program and different regulations. For more information, contact the National Lead Information Center (NLIC) at **1-800-424-LEAD** or visit **<http://www.epa.gov/lead>**.

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# Section 1

## General Questions About Testing Procedures



### **Q:** Why Should I Test My Home For Lead?

**A:** There are numerous reasons why you might want to test your home for lead, especially if built before 1978.

#### **I. There Are (Or Will Be) Children Age Six And Younger In The Home**

Lead from paint, especially peeling or flaking paint, can get into dust and soil in and around a home. Young children may then swallow the lead during normal hand-to-mouth activity. In addition, an unborn child may be exposed to lead in the mother's womb. High levels of lead in the fetus and in children age six and younger have been linked to nervous system damage, behavior and learning problems, and slow growth. Testing can tell you whether there is lead-based paint or a lead-based paint hazard in your home.

#### **II. You Are About To Remodel, Renovate, Or Repaint Your Home**

Any disturbance of lead-based paint can create a hazard by depositing lead chips or particles in the house dust or in the soil around the house. If you are planning on doing renovation, remodeling, or repainting, you should have testing done by a certified lead-based paint professional on any painted surfaces that will be removed, disturbed, scraped, or sanded

before starting the work. The EPA brochure *Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home* (see page 16) provides guidelines for renovating or remodeling your home.

If your house was built before 1978 and you hire a professional to renovate, the renovator must, before beginning renovation, give you a copy of the EPA pamphlet *Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home*.

#### **III. You Are Renting Or Buying A Home**

The Federal Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards Disclosure Rule requires that the landlord or seller of a residential dwelling built prior to 1978 provide the renter or buyer with:

- The pamphlet *Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home* and
- Any available information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards in the home.

A buyer must be given the opportunity to conduct testing to determine whether lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards are present. While you are not required by law to test for lead, it may be advisable if you have (or plan to have) young children in the home.

#### IV. You Are A Landlord Or Selling A Home

As discussed above, a homeowner is required to provide renters or buyers with any available information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards in homes built before 1978. Testing will give you the information that may be requested by potential renters or buyers.

#### Q: Why Is Testing Recommended For Houses Built Before 1978?

A: Federal regulations placed a limit on the amount of lead in paint sold for residential use starting in 1978. That is why homes built before 1978 are subject to the Disclosure Rule. The older the home, the greater the chance of lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards, and the more important it is to have the home tested.



#### Q: What Kind Of Testing Do I Want?

A: Three different approaches for testing lead are available: a lead-based paint inspection, a risk assessment, and a lead hazard screen. A combination inspection and risk assessment may also be done. Selection of the approach depends on why you are testing.

#### I. Lead-Based Paint Inspection

A lead-based paint *inspection* is a surface-by-surface investigation to determine whether there is lead-based paint in the home and where it is located. An inspection may be particularly useful before renovation, repainting, or paint removal.

An inspection includes:

- An inventory of all painted surfaces, including the outside as well as the inside of the home. 'Painted surfaces' include all surfaces coated with paint, shellac, varnish, stain, coating, or even paint covered by wallpaper.
- Selection and testing of each type of painted surface.

Then you should get a report listing the painted surfaces in the home and whether each painted surface contains lead-based paint.

An inspection does not typically test painted furniture unless it is a permanent part of the home, such as kitchen or bathroom cabinets or built-in bookshelves. Soil, dust, and water are not typically tested during an inspection.

The presence of lead-based paint in a home does not necessarily mean there is a lead-based paint hazard to occupants. To make sure, you may want a different testing approach (either a risk assessment or hazard screen).

## Typical Painted Surfaces Tested During Inspection

Inside The Home		Outside The Home	
Baseboards	Heating Units	Chimneys	Mailboxes
Built-In Cabinets	Railings	Door Trim	Porches
Ceilings	Shelves	Fascia, Soffits	Roofing
Chair Rails	Stairs	Fences	Siding
Doors	Walls	Gutters, Downspouts	Stairs
Fireplaces	Windows	Handrails	Sheds
Floors		Lattice Work	Swing Sets

## II. Risk Assessment

A *risk assessment* is an on-site investigation to determine the presence, type, severity, and location of lead-based paint hazards. The presence of deteriorated lead-based paint or high levels of lead in dust or soil pose potential hazards to children who may ingest lead inside or playing outside.

A risk assessment includes:

- A visual inspection of the residence to determine the location of deteriorated paint, the extent and causes of the deterioration, and other factors that may cause lead exposure to young children inside or outside the home.
- Testing deteriorated paint and paint on surfaces where there is reason to believe (from teeth marks or from reports of a parent) that a child has chewed, licked, or mouthed the paint. Painted surfaces in good condition are not tested.
- Testing household dust from floors and windows. Samples should include areas from a child's bedroom, a child's main play area, the main entrance, and other locations to be chosen by the certified Risk Assessor.

- Testing bare soil from play areas, the building foundation, and possibly other areas around the home.
- Optional water testing.

Finally, you should get a report identifying the location of the types of lead-based paint hazards and ways to control them. Because not all paint is tested, a risk assessment cannot conclude that there is no lead-based paint in the home.



An important point is that a risk assessment identifies current lead-based paint hazards. New hazards may arise if lead-based paint is disturbed, damaged, or deteriorates.

If you want to know which painted surfaces contain lead-based paint and whether any lead-based hazards are present, you will need a combination inspection and risk assessment.

### III. Lead Hazard Screen

A *lead hazard screen* is a limited version of a risk assessment for houses with a low chance of lead risks.

In a lead hazard screen:

- Any painted surfaces in a deteriorated condition are tested.
- Two sets of dust samples are collected in a lead hazard screen. One set represents the floors and the other set represents the windows. Typically, there is less dust sampling in a lead hazard screen than in a risk assessment.
- Usually soil samples are not collected in a lead hazard screen, with one exception. If there is evidence of paint chips in the soil from previous exterior repainting, then the soil should be sampled and tested.

The outcome of the lead hazard screen is either a conclusion that lead-based paint hazards are probably not present or a recommendation that a full risk assessment be conducted to determine if such hazards are present.

In a lead hazard screen, only deteriorated paint is tested. Thus, a lead hazard screen cannot conclude there is no lead-based paint in the home.

A lead hazard screen is only recommended for residences that are generally in good condition, with little visible dust, and with paint in good condition (very little chipping or flaking).

If not, the screen is likely to be a waste of time and money. In general, a lead hazard screen will be more useful in housing built after 1960.

As with a risk assessment, a lead hazard screen identifies current lead-based paint hazards. If there is lead-based paint in the home, new hazards may arise if that paint is disturbed, damaged, or deteriorates.



#### Q: Who Can Do Lead Testing For Me?

A: It is strongly recommended that testing be performed by a certified Inspector or certified Risk Assessor.

- Certified Inspectors can perform only lead-based paint inspections.
- Certified Risk Assessors can perform both risk assessments and lead hazard screens.

Your state may define the titles for lead-based paint professionals and the types of testing they can perform differently from what this brochure says. You can find out by calling NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

## Q: What Will The Testing Report Tell Me?

A: That will depend on which approach has been used: inspection, risk assessment, or lead hazard screen. Request a sample report before the testing is done so that you may see what information will be provided and how it will be presented. You should also request that actual lead values (not just 'positive' or 'negative' classifications) be provided in the report as evidence that the testing was actually done.

### I. Inspection Report

If you have an inspection done, you should receive a report that tells you which painted surfaces were tested and the test results for each surface. An inspection report will not tell you the condition of the lead-based paint or whether lead-based paint hazards exist.

### II. Risk Assessment Report

If you have a risk assessment done, you will receive a report that tells you whether there are any lead-based paint hazards and recommends ways to reduce or control any hazards present.

The certified Risk Assessor will take into account the test results and the results of the visual inspection to decide if there are any lead-based paint hazards and how to control them. Lead-based paint hazards identified include lead-based paint in deteriorated condition or on surfaces mouthed by a child. In addition, house dust or bare soil with hazardous lead levels will be identified.

The certified Risk Assessor will provide a list of options for controlling each hazard. Options may include both interim controls and abatement.

- *Interim Controls* – These are short-term or temporary actions. Examples include recommendations to repair deteriorated surfaces that contain lead-based paint, to clean house dust more frequently, or to plant grass or shrubs in areas with bare soil.

- *Abatement* – These are long-term or permanent actions. Examples include replacing old windows, building a new wall over an existing one, or removing soil.

The certified Risk Assessor will also identify the probable source of the paint deterioration and determine whether other repairs are warranted. For example, a water leak may need to be repaired to prevent further damage to the paint.

### III. Hazard Screen Report

If you have a lead hazard screen done, the report tells you either that there are probably no lead-based paint hazards in the house or that full-scale risk assessment is needed.

## Q: Do I Have To Do Anything After The Testing Is Completed?

A: There is no EPA requirement for you to do anything to any lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards found when testing your home. However, if your home was built before 1978, you will be required to provide the test results to any renter or buyer when you lease or sell the home. For more information on the responsibilities of sellers, landlords and their agents, contact NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** or visit <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Be aware that there may be state or other requirements for action based on the test results. You can call NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** for information about what is required in your locality before you start testing.

**Q: May I Abate Lead-Based Paint Hazards In My Own Home?**

**A:** If you decide to abate lead-based paint hazards in your own home, it is not recommended that you do the work yourself. Abatement activities must be done following careful procedures to prevent contamination of the home with lead dust. To be safe, hire a certified lead-based paint contractor (a certified professional who can do lead-based paint related abatement). Dust samples should be collected to check the thoroughness of the work.

Be aware that you must be certified yourself or you must hire a certified lead-based paint professional in the following cases: 1) if a child with a blood-lead level of 20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ \* or

higher for a single venous test (or 15–19  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  in two consecutive tests taken 3 to 4 months apart) lives in the house or 2) you own the house and rent it to someone else.

If you hire a firm to do testing for lead-based paint hazards, note that you are not under any obligation to hire the same firm to do the abatement. In fact, it would be better to have one firm conduct all testing and another firm conduct the abatement work. That will prevent a conflict of interest.

Be sure to maintain a record of the work to help during any future sale or rental of the home.



\*Pronounced micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.

## Section 2

# Specific Questions About Testing Paint, Dust, And Soil



### **Q:** Are All Painted Surfaces In The Home Tested?

**A:** Not every single painted surface in the home will be tested in an inspection, but all types of painted surfaces are tested. For example, a room may have three windows, all painted the same color and all made out of wood. The certified Inspector may not test all three windows, because they appear to be the same.

In a similar fashion, the certified Inspector will go through every room and test the different types of painted surfaces in the rooms. Painted surfaces on the outside of the home, detached structures (such as garages), and items like painted fences and swing sets should also be tested.

Inspections differ from risk assessments and lead hazard screens. In a risk assessment, only deteriorated paint and paint that has been mouthed or chewed by a child will be tested. In a lead hazard screen, only deteriorated paint is tested.

### **Q:** How Are Painted Surfaces Tested?

**A:** There are currently two methods recognized by EPA for testing paint: portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzers and paint chip sampling followed by analysis by a laboratory recognized by EPA's National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP).

#### **I. Portable X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers (XRFs)**

A portable XRF measures lead in paint, generally without damaging the paint. However, readings from some XRFs are affected by the base material (known as the "substrate") underneath the paint, such as wood, plaster, or metal. For these cases, the certified Inspector removes paint from a few surfaces of each type and takes a measurement on the unpainted surface. These measurements provide a baseline to adjust the lead in paint value. This procedure may do some paint damage. Also, for curved surfaces or very deteriorated paint, XRF analyzers may not read accurately and a paint chip sample may be required.

When a certified lead-based paint professional follows good testing practices,

XRF analyzers provide a fast and reliable method for classifying many painted surfaces. However, some XRF test results may be inconclusive (neither positive nor negative). Then laboratory testing of a paint chip sample may be necessary.

Because the XRF analyzer uses a radiation source to detect lead, occupants in the household should be asked to stay out of rooms behind the surfaces being tested.

## II. Paint Chip Sampling And Laboratory Analysis

Paint chip samples are collected for laboratory analysis by removing one to four square inches of paint from the surface. All layers of paint in the sampled area are included in the sample. Usually samples will contain some of the material beneath the paint, such as wood, plaster, or concrete particles. The amount of this material will be kept to a minimum.

Tools such as chisels and scrapers are used to remove the paint. Sometimes a heat gun is used to soften the paint and make the removal easier. If so, a respirator should be worn by the person operating the heat gun for protection from lead and other fumes. In addition, the room or area should be well ventilated to protect occupants.

After collecting the paint chip sample, the certified lead-based paint professional will repair the scraped area so that adjacent paint will not peel or flake off. Any paint chips or dust from the sampling should be cleaned up by the certified lead-based paint professional to ensure no lead dust is left behind.

Paint chip samples should be analyzed for lead by a laboratory recognized by EPA's NLLAP as proficient for testing lead in paint. EPA has established the NLLAP to ensure that laboratory analyses are done accurately. A laboratory on the list is recognized as proficient for testing for lead in whichever of the three sample types (paint, dust, or soil) the laboratory has qualified. The certified Inspector and certified Risk Assessor must ensure that any paint

chip samples from your home are analyzed by a laboratory on the NLLAP list for paint. This publication addresses federal regulations and guidelines. Your state may have its own lead program and different regulations. For more information, contact NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** or visit <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

While paint chip sampling followed by laboratory analysis is generally more accurate than XRF testing, sampling and analysis take longer to complete and paint chips must be scraped from many surfaces in the home. In some cases, a surface may be curved or so deteriorated that an XRF cannot be used properly and sampling may be the only way to test the paint.

### Q: What Do The Results Of Paint Testing Mean?

A: A certified lead-based paint professional will use guidance specific for each type of XRF analyzer to determine whether a measurement indicates that:

- Lead-based paint is present,
- Lead-based paint is not present, or
- The measurement is inconclusive and a laboratory test is necessary.

The guidance ensures the XRF measurement classifies paint as lead-based when there is 1.0 milligram of lead per square centimeter of painted surface or greater (1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>). An XRF analyzer typically reads in mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, meaning milligrams per square centimeter.

When the paint chip sampling followed by laboratory analysis method is used, the federal definition of lead-based paint is dependent on how the results are reported.

- If the laboratory report is expressed as weight of lead per weight of paint chip, the federal definition of lead-based paint is 0.5 percent lead (0.5%). This is mathematically the same as 5,000 milligrams of lead per kilogram of

## Federal Definition Of Lead-Based Paint Depends On How Test Results Are Reported

How Test Results Are Reported	Federal Definition Of Lead-Based Paint
If results are reported as percent (or equivalent)	Then, in order for it to be considered lead-based paint, the paint must have greater than or equal to 0.5% (which is the same as 5,000 µg/g or 5,000 mg/kg or 5,000 ppm) lead
If results are reported as milligrams per square centimeter	Then, in order for it to be considered lead-based paint, the paint must have greater than or equal to 1 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> lead

paint chip (5,000 mg/kg), or 5,000 micrograms of lead per gram of paint chip (5,000 µg/g), or 5,000 parts per million lead (5,000 ppm).

- If the laboratory report is expressed as a weight of lead per unit area of painted surface, the federal definition of lead-based paint is 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (the same as for XRF analysis).

It is possible to report laboratory results in both types of units, but this is rarely done because of the additional time and work required.



Unfortunately, there is no universal definition of lead-based paint. Some state and local governments have definitions of lead-based paint which differ from those in federal law. It is recommended that when there is a conflict between the federal definition and a state or local definition, the more stringent standard (that is, the lower number) be used to define

lead-based paint. A certified lead-based paint professional (certified Inspector or certified Risk Assessor) will be aware of and will follow the appropriate standard.

### Q: What If No Lead-Based Paint Is Found In My Home?

A: Lead can still be present in paint which is not classified as “lead-based.” This would occur when the paint has a lower amount of lead than the federal government regulates. If lead is present in the paint, lead dust can be released when the paint deteriorates, or is disturbed during remodeling, renovation,



sanding, or some maintenance work that breaks the surface of the paint. This is especially important in homes built before 1978. Since the amount of lead in paint was limited by federal regulation in 1978, lead exposure during remodeling and renovation is not as much a concern in newer homes. So you should be careful when there is work that involves extensive breaking of painted surfaces in a home built before 1978. Make sure any dust and debris created by breaking painted surfaces are thoroughly cleaned up, painted surfaces are repaired and left intact when the work is done, and children stay away from the work areas until all repairs and clean-up are completed.

The EPA brochure *Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home* provides guidelines for renovating and remodeling your home. See page 16 for more information on how to order the brochure.

### **Q: How Are Dust Samples Collected And Analyzed?**

**A:** The most common method for dust collection is a surface wipe sample. Most certified Risk Assessors will use baby wipes or wet wipes to collect dust.

If dust is collected from a floor, an area of one square foot is usually sampled. The area is wiped several times in different directions to pick up all the dust. After sampling, the wipe is placed in a container and sent to a laboratory for analysis. The certified Risk Assessor will also collect wipe samples from windows and measure the surface area wiped.

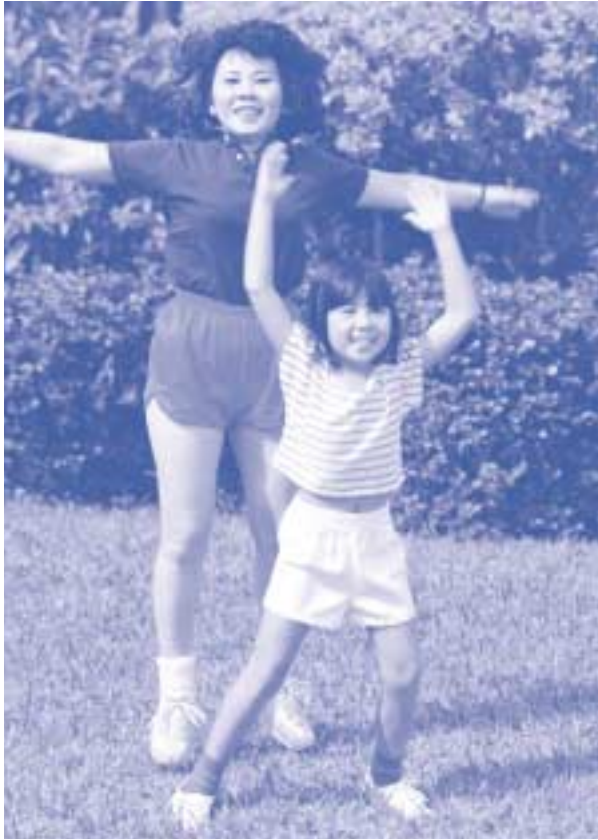
In some situations, special types of vacuum samplers may be used for dust collection. These are different from home vacuum cleaners, although some may look the same.



The certified lead-based paint professional must send dust samples to a laboratory recognized by EPA's NLLAP that is proficient for dust analysis. This publication addresses federal regulations and guidelines. Your state may have its own lead program and different regulations. For more information, contact NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** or visit <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

### **Q: What Do The Results Of Dust Sampling Mean?**

**A:** Dust sample results are usually expressed as a weight of lead per unit area of surface. The units will usually be micrograms of lead per square foot. For example, a floor wipe sample may be expressed as 50 micrograms of lead per square foot. This is written as 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ . The certified lead-based paint professional will provide guidance in interpreting the results of the dust testing.



**Q: How Are Soil Samples Collected And Analyzed?**

**A:** Soil samples are collected from bare soil areas (soil with no grass or other covering) near your home where children play and from bare soil areas near the house foundation or dripline. Optional sampling areas are gardens, pathways, and pet sleeping areas. Samples are collected by coring or scooping methods that take the top half-inch of soil. Samples of non-bare soil may sometimes be collected.

Soil samples must be sent to a laboratory recognized by EPA's NLLAP that is proficient in soil analysis. This publication addresses federal regulations and guidelines. Your state may have its own lead program and different regulations. For more information, contact NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** or visit <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

**Q: What Do The Results Of Soil Testing Mean?**

**A:** Results of soil samples are expressed as a weight of lead per unit weight of soil, usually in parts per million. For example, a soil sample result may be 300 parts per million. This is written 300 ppm. The certified lead-based paint professional will help you interpret the results of the soil testing.

**Q: What Are Composite Samples?**

**A:** Composite samples are combinations of individual samples analyzed together in a laboratory to obtain a single average result. Both dust and soil samples may be composited. For example, a floor dust sample may be collected in each of three rooms and combined to obtain one composite dust sample to be analyzed by the laboratory. Or four soil samples taken in a play area may be combined to obtain one composite soil sample. Paint samples may also be composited, but this is not as common as compositing dust and soil samples.

Composite samples may often be used in risk assessments and lead hazard screens to reduce the cost of laboratory analysis or to increase the representativeness of a single sample. The disadvantage of composite samples is that information is not available for each room (or location) from which samples were collected.

The certified Risk Assessor will interpret composite sample results, if any. The advantage of composite samples is that information is obtained at reduced cost or more samples are collected for the same cost.

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## Section 3

# Miscellaneous Questions Frequently Asked About Testing



### **Q: What Are Home Test Kits?**

**A:** Home test kits are used in the home to detect lead in paint, soil, and dust (and, in some cases, water, dishware, glasses, and ceramics). A reaction occurs causing a color change when chemicals in the kit are exposed to lead.

### **Q: Does EPA Recommend Test Kits For Paint, Dust, Or Soil Testing?**

**A:** No. EPA does not currently recommend home test kits to detect lead in paint, dust, or soil. Studies show that these kits are not reliable enough to tell the difference between high and low levels of lead. At this time, the kits are not recommended for testing performed by either homeowners or certified lead-based paint professionals.

### **Q: May I Collect Paint, Dust, And Soil Samples Myself And Send Them To A Laboratory?**

**A:** You may do this, although your samples may not be of the same quality as those collected by a certified lead-based paint professional. If you want to collect samples yourself, it is recommended that you send paint, dust, or soil samples to a laboratory recognized by EPA's NLLAP. A list of NLLAP laboratories is available from NLIC by calling **1-800-424-LEAD**. If the samples contain high levels of lead, you should have a certified lead-based paint professional do a risk assessment of your home.

### **Q: What About Testing For Lead In Water?**

**A:** Lead pipes and lead solder were once used in plumbing and lead leaked into drinking water. Water testing is not routinely conducted by certified lead-based paint testing professionals, but you may ask for it as an optional service. If you

would like information about testing for lead in water, call the EPA Drinking Water Hotline at **1-800-426-4791**.

**Q: What About Testing For Lead In Furniture, Dishware, And Mini-Blinds?**

**A:** Lead may be present in the paint on furniture. If the furniture is old or the paint is damaged, you may want to have it tested. A certified Inspector or certified Risk Assessor may do this testing for you.

Lead may also be present in some glassware (for example, lead crystal) and in glazes found on ceramic ware. The lead may be absorbed into the drink and food stored in these items.

Contact NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Information Line at **1-800-FDA-4010** for information on testing glassware and ceramics or access the FDA webpage at **<http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/lead.html#advice>**.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a warning that some mini-blinds may contain lead. For further information, contact the CPSC hotline at **1-800-638-2772** or access the CPSC webpage at **<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml96/96150.html>**.



## Contacts For Further Information:

Topic	Agency	Contact Information
Testing ceramic ware and related items	Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Information Line	1-800-FDA-4010 <a href="http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/lead.html#advice">http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/lead.html#advice</a>
Information on lead in mini-blinds	Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)	1-800-638-2772 <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml96/96150.html">http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml96/96150.html</a>
State lead programs and regulations, Current list of NLLAP laboratories, Lead brochures and fact sheets, General lead hazard information	National Lead Information Center (NLIC)	1-800-424-LEAD OR for the hearing impaired 1-800-877-8339 <a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead/nlic.htm">http://www.epa.gov/lead/nlic.htm</a>
EPA and HUD related web sites	Environmental Protection Agency Housing and Urban Development	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead">http://www.epa.gov/lead</a> <a href="http://www.hud.gov/lea">http://www.hud.gov/lea</a>
Information on testing drinking water for lead	EPA Drinking Water Hotline	1-800-426-4791
Information on state and territory lead professional and contractor certification and licensing	EPA Regional Offices  Region 1 CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT  Region 2 NJ, NY, PR, VI  Region 3 DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV  Region 4 AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN  Region 5 IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI  Region 6 AR, LA, NM, OK, TX  Region 7 IA, KS, MO, NE  Region 8 CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY  Region 9 AS, AZ, CA, GU, HI, NV, NP  Region 10 AK, ID, OR, WA	1-617-918-1524  1-732-321-6671  1-215-814-2084  1-404-562-8998  1-312-886-7836  1-214-665-7577  1-913-551-7518  1-303-312-6021  1-415-744-1069  1-206-553-1985

### **Additional Reading:**

These brochures and fact sheets can be obtained by calling NLIC at **1-800-424-LEAD** or visiting **<http://www.epa.gov/lead>**.

*Buying A Home? Here's What You Need To Know About Lead-Based Paint*, EPA brochure, EPA publication number EPA 747-F-99-001 (January 2000).

*Lead In Your Home: A Parent's Reference Guide*, EPA brochure, EPA publication number EPA 747-B-99-003 (May 1999).

*Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home*, EPA/CPSC/HUD brochure, EPA publication number EPA 747-K-99-001 (April 1999).

*Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home*, EPA brochure, EPA publication number EPA 747-K-97-001 (September 1997).

*Runs Better Unleaded: How to Protect Your Children from Lead Poisoning*, EPA brochure, EPA publication number EPA 747-F-99-005A (August 1999).

*Selecting a Laboratory for Lead Analysis: The EPA National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program*, EPA brochure, EPA publication number EPA 747-F-99-002 (April 1999).

*The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule*, EPA handbook, EPA publication number EPA 747-B-99-004 (September 1999).

*Disclosure of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing*, EPA/HUD fact sheet, EPA publication number EPA 747-F-96-002 (March 1996).



# The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule

*a handbook  
for contractors,  
property managers,  
and maintenance  
personnel*



## What Is The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule (Lead PRE)?

- The Lead PRE Rule is a Federal regulation affecting construction contractors, property managers, and others who perform **renovations** for **compensation** in residential housing that may contain lead-based paint.
- It applies to residential houses and apartments built before 1978.
- It requires distribution of the **lead pamphlet**, *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*, to the owners and occupants before starting **renovation** work.
- **Renovation** includes most repair, remodeling, and maintenance activities that disturb painted surfaces.
- Lead PRE implements Section 406(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TCSA).

## About This Handbook

- This handbook summarizes Lead PRE and how to comply with it. To ensure compliance, you should also read the rule.
- Key terms are highlighted in **bold** and are explained on pages 8-10.

## Who Should Read This Handbook?

- Anyone who owns or manages housing built before 1978.
- Contractors who perform **renovations** (including certain repairs and maintenance) which disturb paint in homes built before 1978.

## How Can This Handbook Help Me?

- This handbook presents simple steps to follow to comply with Lead PRE. It also lists ways these steps can be easily incorporated into your work.
- Having demonstrated knowledge of lead requirements and safety practices can mean more business for you.
- Distributing the **lead pamphlet** to your customers and tenants can help them protect themselves and their children from the hazards of lead-based paint.
- This handbook describes the law. It also explains the proper steps to take to avoid potentially significant civil (monetary) and criminal fines and penalties.

# What Does Lead PRE Require Me To Do?

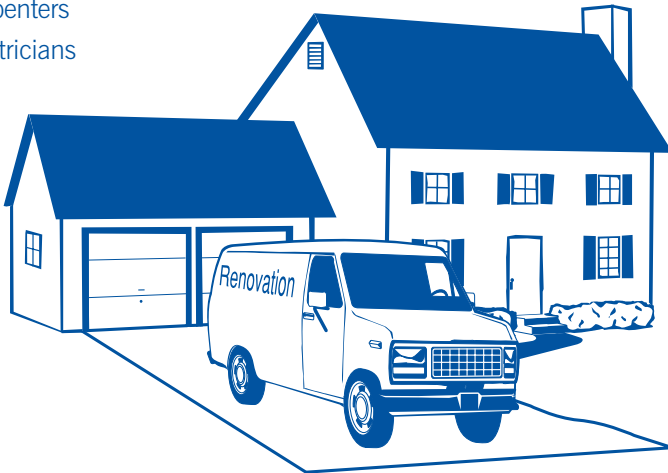
1. Distribute a **lead pamphlet** to the housing **owner** and occupants before **renovation** starts.
2. Obtain **confirmation of receipt of lead pamphlet** (see page 11) from owner and occupants or a **certificate of mailing** from the post office.
3. For work in **common areas** of **multi-family housing**, distribute **renovation notices** to tenants.
4. Retain records for 3 years.

*(See page 4 for more details)*

# Who Must Follow These Requirements?

In general, anyone whose compensated work disturbs paint in housing built before 1978, including:

- Residential rental property owners/managers
- **General contractors**
- **Special trade contractors**, including
  - Painters
  - Plumbers
  - Carpenters
  - Electricians



## What Types Of Activities Are Subject To Lead PRE?

In general, any activity that disturbs paint in pre-1978 housing, including:

- Remodeling and repair/maintenance
- Electrical work
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Window replacement

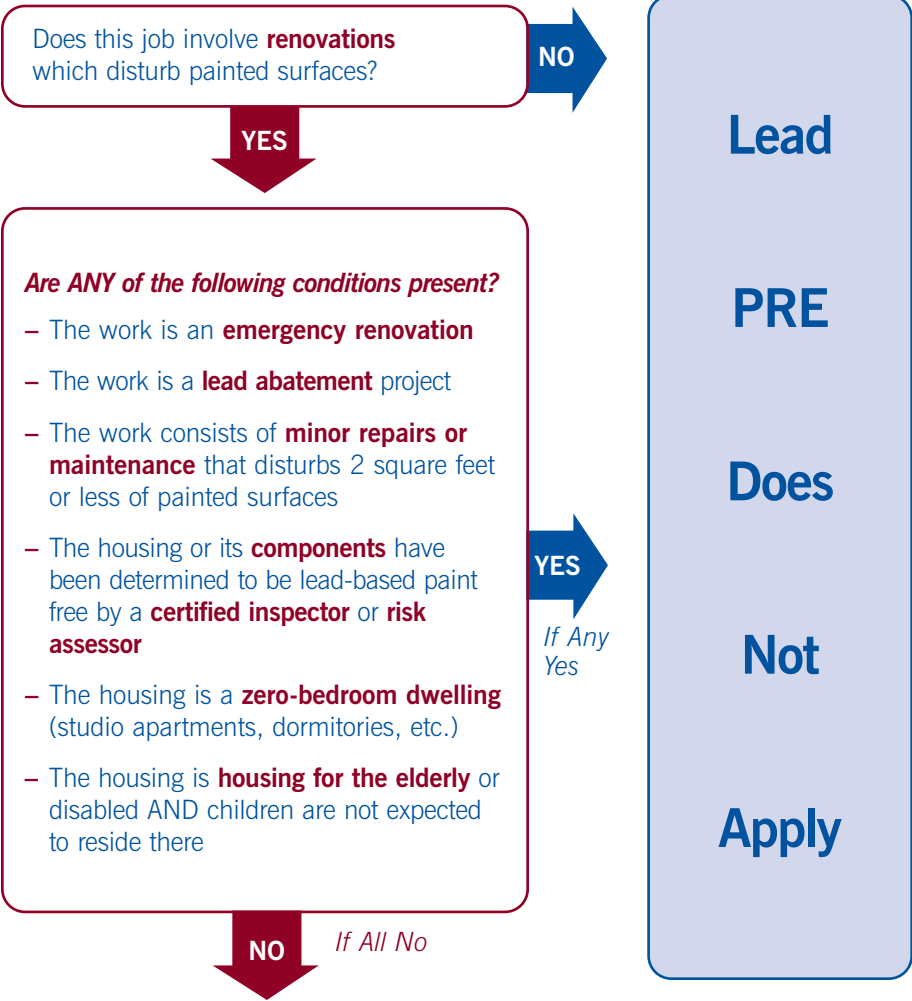


## What Housing Or Activities Are Excluded From Lead PRE?

- Housing built in 1978 or later
- **Housing for the elderly** or disabled persons (unless children will reside there)
- **Zero-bedroom dwellings** (studio apartment, dormitories, etc.)
- Housing or **components** declared lead-free by a **certified inspector** or **risk assessor**
- **Emergency renovations** and repairs
- **Minor repairs and maintenance** that disturb two square feet or less of paint per **component**

# Lead PRE At-A-Glance

If you will be working for **compensation** in a pre-1978 home or apartment building, answer the questions below to determine if Lead PRE requires you to give the **lead pamphlet** to the **owner** and occupants.



*If no, then you need to provide the lead pamphlet (see page 4).*

# How Do I Meet The Lead PRE Requirements?

## Renovation Location

## Procedures to Follow

### Renovations in Owner-Occupied Dwelling Units

#### Box 1

Deliver **lead pamphlet** to **owner** before **renovation** begins and obtain **confirmation of receipt**.

**OR**

Mail lead pamphlet to owner 7 days before renovation begins and document with **certificate of mailing**

### Renovations in Tenant-Occupied Dwelling Units

#### Box 2

1. Provide **lead pamphlet** to **owner** using either procedure described in Box 1 above.
2. Provide lead pamphlet to tenant by either method below:

(a) Deliver pamphlet to dwelling unit before **renovation** begins and document delivery with either a **confirmation of receipt** of lead pamphlet or a **self-certification of delivery**.

**OR**

(b) Mail lead pamphlet to tenant at least 7 days prior to renovation and document with a **certificate of mailing**

### Renovations in Common Areas of Multi-Family Housing Units

#### Box 3

1. Provide **owner** with **lead pamphlet** using either procedure described in Box 1 above.
2. Notify tenants and make pamphlet available.
3. Maintain written documentation describing notification procedures.
4. Provide **supplemental renovation notice** if changes occur in location, timing, or scope of renovation occurring.

*For all options keep records for 3 years after renovation is completed.  
(Sample Forms on pages 11 and 12.)*

## Special Circumstances

### **Is painting considered renovation, even if no surface preparation activity occurs?**

No. If the surface to be painted is not disturbed by sanding, scraping, or other activities that may cause dust, the work is not considered renovation and Lead PRE does *not* apply.

### **What if I renovate my own home?**

Lead PRE applies only to **renovations** performed for **compensation**; therefore, if you work on your own home Lead PRE does not apply.

### **Is a renovation performed by a landlord or employees of a property management firm considered a compensated renovation under Lead PRE?**

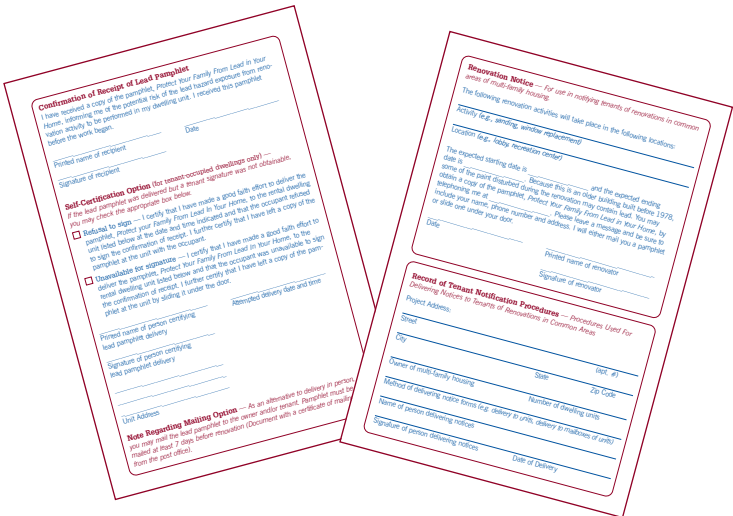
Yes. The receipt of rent payments or salaries derived from rent payments is considered **compensation** under Lead PRE. Therefore, **renovation** activities performed by landlords or employees of landlords are covered.

### **Do I have to give out the lead pamphlet 7 days prior to beginning renovation activities?**

The 7-day advance delivery requirement applies only when you deliver the **lead pamphlet** via mail; otherwise, you may deliver the pamphlet *anytime* before the **renovation** begins. Note, however, that the renovation must begin within 60 days of the date that the pamphlet is delivered. So for example, if your renovation is to begin May 30, you may deliver the pamphlet in person anytime between April 1 and start of the project on May 30, or you may deliver the pamphlet via mail anytime between April 1 and May 23.

# Tips For Easy Compliance

1. Copy and use the sample forms on pages 11 and 12 of this handbook.
2. Attach the forms to the back of your customer **renovation** or repair contracts. The completed forms can be filed along with your regular paperwork.
3. If a tenant is not home or refuses to sign the form, you may use the “self-certification” section of the form (*on page 11*) to prove delivery. This will reduce your paperwork.
4. Plan ahead to obtain enough copies of the **lead pamphlet**.



## Where Can I Obtain More Information on Lead PRE?

Further information is available from the National Lead Information Clearinghouse (800-424-LEAD) or through the Internet ([www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)). Available resources include:

- Full text version of Lead PRE
- Interactive software which guides the users through the Lead PRE requirements on a step-by-step basis (*available in late June*)
- Interpretive guidance which provides more detailed information on Lead PRE requirements

## Why is Lead Paint Dangerous?

People can ingest lead by breathing or swallowing lead-based paint dust or by eating lead-contaminated soil or lead-based paint chips. Household animals are also at risk.

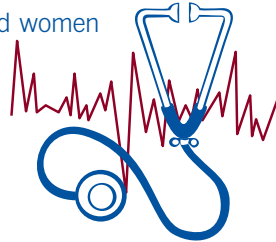
**If not detected early, high levels of lead in a child can cause serious effects, including:**

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
- Behavior and learning problems
- Slowed growth
- Hearing problems
- Headaches



**Lead is also harmful to adults and can, among other effects, cause:**

- Difficulties during pregnancy
- Other reproductive problems for men and women
- High blood pressure
- Digestive problems
- Nerve disorders
- Memory and concentration problems
- Muscle and joint pain



**Lead can be dangerous to workers and their families if the worker brings equipment and clothing home after a job.**

## Other Resources

For additional information on how to protect yourself and your customers from lead paint hazards, call the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-424-LEAD. Available documents include:

- *Lead-Based Paint: Operations and Maintenance Work Practices Manual for Homes and Buildings*
- *Lead Safety for Property Owners, Developers, and Managers*
- *Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home*
- *Lead in Your Home: A Parents' Reference Guide*
- *Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work*

# Key Terms

**Certificate of Mailing** — written verification from the Postal Service that you mailed the lead pamphlet to an owner or a tenant. This is less expensive than certified mail, which is also acceptable for meeting Lead PRE requirements. (**Note:** *If using this delivery option, you must mail the pamphlet at least 7 days prior to the start of renovation.*)

**Certified Inspector or Risk Assessor** — an individual who has been trained and is certified by EPA or an authorized state or Indian Tribe to conduct lead-based paint inspections or risk assessments.

**Common Area** — a portion of a building that is generally accessible to all residents or users. Common areas include (but are not limited to) hallways, stairways, laundry rooms, recreational rooms, playgrounds, community centers, and fenced areas. The term applies to both interiors and exteriors of the building. (**Note:** *Lead PRE requirements related to common areas apply only to multi-family housing.*)

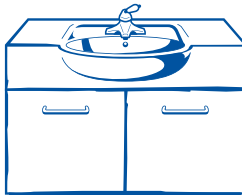
**Compensation** — payment or goods for services rendered. Payment can be in the form of money, goods, or services (bartering).

**Component** — specific design or structural element or fixture distinguished by its form, function, and location. A component can be located inside or outside the dwelling.

## Examples

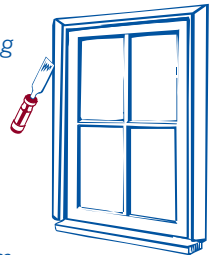
### Interiors

Ceilings  
Crown molding  
Walls  
Doors and trim  
Floors  
Fireplaces  
Radiators  
Shelves  
Stair treads  
Windows and trim  
Built-in cabinets  
Beams  
Bathroom vanities  
Counter tops  
Air conditioners



### Exterior

Painted roofing  
Chimneys  
Flashing  
Gutters and downspouts  
Ceilings  
Soffits  
Doors and trim  
Fences  
Floors  
Joists  
Handrails  
Window sills and sashes  
Air conditioners



**Confirmation of Receipt of Lead Pamphlet** — a form that is signed by the owner or tenant of the housing confirming that they received a copy of the lead pamphlet before the renovation began. (See sample on page 11.)

## Key Terms (continued)

**Emergency Renovation** — unplanned renovation activities done in response to a sudden, unexpected event which, if not immediately attended to presents a safety or public health hazard, or threatens property with significant damage.

*Examples 1: Renovation to repair damage from a tree that fell on a house  
2: Renovation to repair a water pipe break in an apartment complex*

**General Contractor** — one who contracts for the construction of an entire building or project, rather than for a portion of the work. The general contractor hires subcontractors (e.g. plumbing, electrical, etc.), coordinates all work, and is responsible for payment to subcontractors.

**Housing for the Elderly** — retirement communities or similar types of housing specifically reserved for households of one or more persons 62 years of age or older at the time the unit is first occupied.

**Lead Abatement** — work designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards. If you are hired to do lead-abatement work only, Lead PRE does not apply. Abatement does not include renovation, remodeling, landscaping, or other activities done to repair, restore, or redesign a given building — even if these activities incidentally reduce lead-based paint hazards. (**Note:** Some states define this term differently than described above. Consult your state officials if you are not sure how “lead abatement” is defined in your state.)

**Lead Pamphlet** — the pamphlet *Protecting Your Family From Lead in Your Home*, or an EPA-approved alternative pamphlet. (See page 13 for information on obtaining copies.)

**Minor Repair and Maintenance** — minor repair and maintenance activities, such as minor electrical work or plumbing, that disturb two square feet or less of painted surface per component.

*Examples 1: Drilling holes in the wall to run an electrical line  
2: Replacing a piece of window trim  
3: Replacing a light fixture*

**Multi-family Housing** — housing property consisting of more than four dwelling units.

**Owner** — any person or entity that has legal title to housing, including individuals, partnerships, corporations, government agencies, Indian Tribes, and nonprofit organizations.

**Record of Notification** — written statement documenting the steps taken to notify occupants of renovation activities in common areas of multi-family housing. (See page 12 for sample.)

## Key Terms (continued)

**Renovation** — modification of all or part of any existing structure in housing that disturbs a painted surface. Includes:

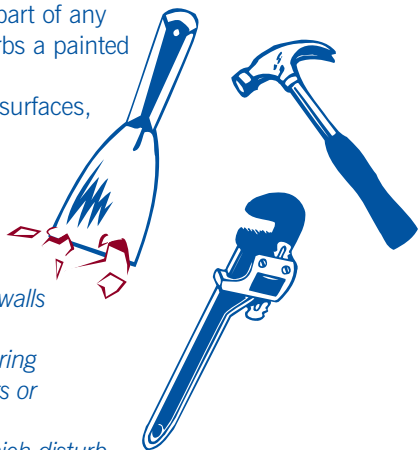
- Removal/modification of painted surfaces, components, or structures
- Surface preparation activities (sanding/scraping/other activities that may create paint dust)
- Window replacement

**Examples 1:** Demolition of painted walls or ceilings

**2:** Large surface replastering

**3:** Major plumbing repairs or improvements

**4:** Any other activities which disturb painted surfaces



**Renovation Notice** — notice to tenants of renovations in common areas of multifamily housing. (See *sample form on page 12.*) Notice must describe nature, location, and expected timing of renovation activity; and must explain how the lead pamphlet may be obtained free of charge.

**Renovator** — a person who performs for compensation a renovation, as defined above. (**Note:** Because the term “renovation” is defined broadly by Lead PRE, many contractors who are not generally considered to “renovators,” as that term is commonly used, are considered to be “renovators” under Lead PRE, and must follow Lead PRE requirements.)

**Self-Certification of Delivery** — an alternative method of documenting delivery of the lead pamphlet to a tenant. This method may be used whenever the tenant is unavailable or unwilling to sign a confirmation of receipt of lead pamphlet. (See *sample form on page 11.*) (**Note:** This method is not a permissible substitute for delivery of the lead pamphlet to an owner.)

**Special Trade Contractors** — individuals or companies performing work in specialized occupations such as painting, electrical work, plumbing, or carpentry.

**Supplemental Renovation Notice** — additional notification that is required when the scope, location, or timing of project changes.

**Zero-Bedroom Dwelling** — any residential dwelling where the living area is not separated from the sleeping area. This term includes efficiency and studio apartments, dormitory housing, and military barracks.

# Sample Forms

The forms on the next two pages are sample forms you can use to make documentation of compliance easier.

## Confirmation of Receipt of Lead Pamphlet

I have received a copy of the pamphlet, *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home*, informing me of the potential risk of the lead hazard exposure from renovation activity to be performed in my dwelling unit. I received this pamphlet before the work began.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of recipient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of recipient

## Self-Certification Option (for tenant-occupied dwellings only) —

*If the lead pamphlet was delivered but a tenant signature was not obtainable, you may check the appropriate box below.*

- Refusal to sign** — I certify that I have made a good faith effort to deliver the pamphlet, *Protect your Family From Lead In Your Home*, to the rental dwelling unit listed below at the date and time indicated and that the occupant refused to sign the confirmation of receipt. I further certify that I have left a copy of the pamphlet at the unit with the occupant.
- Unavailable for signature** — I certify that I have made a good faith effort to deliver the pamphlet, *Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home*, to the rental dwelling unit listed below and that the occupant was unavailable to sign the confirmation of receipt. I further certify that I have left a copy of the pamphlet at the unit by sliding it under the door.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of person certifying  
lead pamphlet delivery

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attempted delivery date and time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person certifying  
lead pamphlet delivery

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Address

**Note Regarding Mailing Option** — *As an alternative to delivery in person, you may mail the lead pamphlet to the owner and/or tenant. Pamphlet must be mailed at least 7 days before renovation (Document with a certificate of mailing from the post office).*

## Sample Forms (continued)

**Renovation Notice** — *For use in notifying tenants of renovations in common areas of multi-family housing.*

The following renovation activities will take place in the following locations:

\_\_\_\_\_

Activity (e.g., sanding, window replacement)

\_\_\_\_\_

Location (e.g., lobby, recreation center)

The expected starting date is \_\_\_\_\_ and the expected ending date is \_\_\_\_\_. Because this is an older building built before 1978, some of the paint disturbed during the renovation may contain lead. You may obtain a copy of the pamphlet, *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home*, by telephoning me at \_\_\_\_\_. Please leave a message and be sure to include your name, phone number and address. I will either mail you a pamphlet or slide one under your door.

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of renovator

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of renovator

**Record of Tenant Notification Procedures** — *Procedures Used For Delivering Notices to Tenants of Renovations in Common Areas*

Project Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ (apt. #)

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner of multi-family housing Number of dwelling units

\_\_\_\_\_

Method of delivering notice forms (e.g. delivery to units, delivery to mailboxes of units)

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person delivering notices

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person delivering notices

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Delivery

## Where Can I Get Copies of the **Lead Pamphlet?**

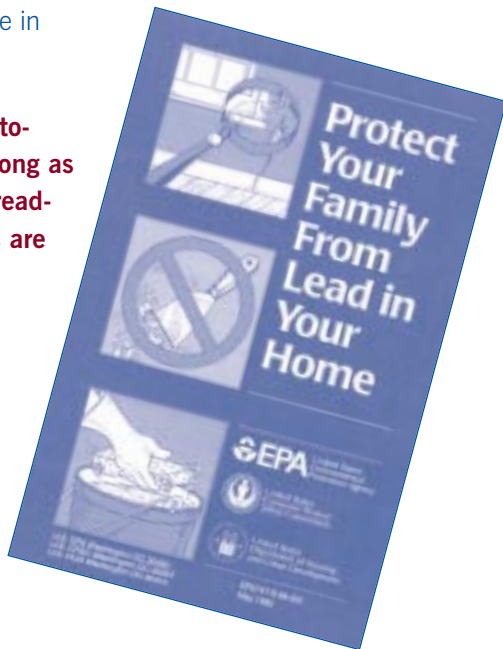
For single copies of *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home* (in Spanish or English), call the National Lead Information Clearinghouse (NLIC) at 1-800-424-LEAD. For any orders, be sure to use the stock reference number **EPA747-K-99-001**.

There are four ways to get multiple copies:

- 1.** Call the Government Printing Office order desk at **(202) 512-1800**.
- 2.** Send fax requests to **(202) 512-2233**.
- 3.** Request copies in writing from:  
**Superintendent of Documents**  
**P.O. Box 371954**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954**
- 4.** Obtain via the Internet at **[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)**

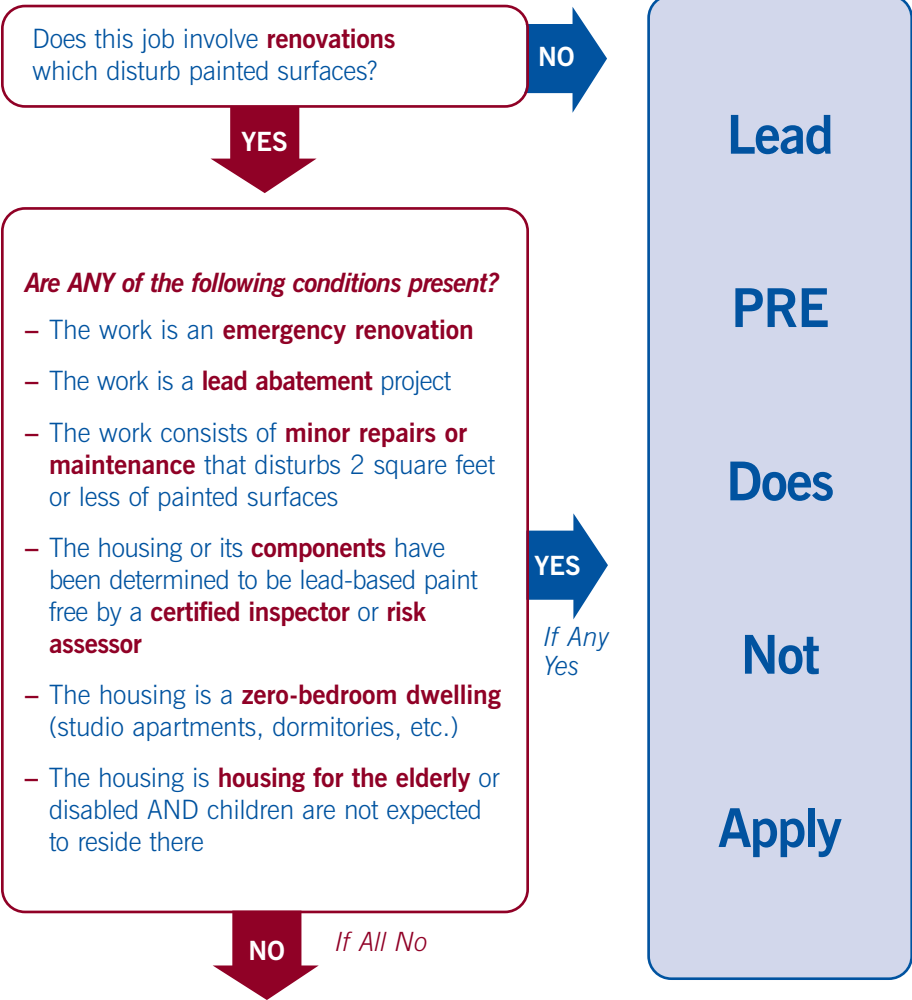
Single copies are available at no charge. Bulk copies available in packs of 50.

**The pamphlet may be photocopied for distribution as long as the text and graphics are readable. Camera-ready copies are available from NLIC or via the Internet.**



# The Lead Pre-Renovation Education Rule (Lead PRE) At-A-Glance

If you will be working for **compensation** in a pre-1978 home or apartment building, answer the questions below to determine if Lead PRE requires you to give the **lead pamphlet** to the **owner** and occupants.



***If no, then you need to read this book!  
Rental property owners and managers,  
renovators, and maintenance personnel  
are affected by Lead PRE.***

**Bold Type** = Key Terms (see pages 8–10 inside)

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**TAB 3**

**Certifications**

Risk Assessor

PBS Engineering + Environmental

Analytical Laboratory

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**Department of Commerce**  
Lead-Based Paint Program

**Janet J. Murphy**

*Has fulfilled the certification requirements of Washington Administrative code (WAC) 365-230 and has been certified to conduct lead-based paint activities pursuant to WAC 365-230-200 as a:*

**Risk Assessor**

<b>Certification #</b>	<b>Issuance Date</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
0258	3/8/2010	3/8/2013

# STATE OF WASHINGTON

## Department of Commerce

### Lead-Based Paint Program

# PBS Engineering & Environmental

*Has fulfilled the certification requirements of Washington Administrative code (WAC) 365-230 and has been certified to conduct lead-based paint activities pursuant to WAC 365-230-200.*

<u>Certification #</u>	<u>Issuance Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
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0178

7/14/2010

9/3/2013





# AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs, LLC

## SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

**NVL Laboratories, Inc.**  
 4708 Aurora Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98103

Laboratory ID: **101861**  
 Issue Date: 05/24/2011

The laboratory is approved for those specific field(s) of testing/methods listed in the table below. Clients are urged to verify the laboratory's current accreditation status for the particular field(s) of testing/Methods, since these can change due to proficiency status, suspension and/or revocation. A complete listing of currently accredited Environmental Lead laboratories is available on the AIHA-LAP, LLC website at: <http://www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org>

The EPA recognizes the AIHA-LAP, LLC ELLAP program as meeting the requirements of the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP) established under Title X of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 and includes paint, soil and dust wipe analysis. Air analysis is not included as part of the NLLAP.

### Environmental Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELLAP)

**Initial Accreditation Date: 02/07/1997**

Field of Testing (FoT)	Method	Method Description <i>(for internal methods only)</i>
<b>Paint</b>	16 CFR Part 1303 (CPSC-CH-E1003-09)	
	EPA SW-846 3051	
	EPA SW-846 7000B	
<b>Soil</b>	EPA SW-846 3051	
	EPA SW-846 7000B	
<b>Settled Dust by Wipe</b>	EPA SW-846 3051	
	EPA SW-846 7000B	
<b>Airborne Dust</b>	EPA SW-846 3051	
	NIOSH 7082	

The laboratory participates in the following AIHA-LAP, LLC-approved proficiency testing programs:

- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Soil
- ✓ Settled Dust by Wipe
- ✓ Airborne Dust