



## **What Do I Do If My Home Has Lead Paint**

Any place in, on, or around the home where paint is peeling, flaking, chipping, or powdering should be treated.

- 1) Begin by covering all furniture and appliances.
- 2) Get a broom or stiff brush and remove all loose pieces of paint from walls, woodwork, window wells, and ceilings.
- 3) Sweep up all pieces of paint and plaster and put them in a newspaper. Dispose of in a trashcan or other appropriate receptacle. **DO NOT BURN.**
- 4) Do not leave any debris from the paint in window wells or on the floor.
- 5) Damp mop floors and windowsills in and around work area to remove all dust and paint particles.
- 6) Apply two (2) coats of non-lead paint to all painted surfaces *or* cover surfaces with wallboard, gypsum, or paneling.

Beware that when scraping or sanding removes lead-based paint, a dust is created. The dust can enter the body either by breathing it or swallowing it. The use of heat or paint removers could create a vapor or fume which may cause poisoning if inhaled over a period of time. Whenever possible, lead base paint removal should take place when there are no children or pregnant women on the premises.

**For housing built prior to 1978, the Lead-Based Paint Disclosure form on the following page must be executed between the landlord and tenant and attached to the lease.**

**Please see EPA Booklet “Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home”**

**Sample Disclosure Format for Target Housing Rentals and Leases  
Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

**Lead Warning Statement**

*Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not taken care of properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, landlords must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Lessees must also receive a Federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.*

**Lessor's Disclosure (initial)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) Presence of lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards (check one below):

Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).  
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Lessor has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Records and reports available to the lessor (check one below):

Lessor has provided the lessee with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lessor has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

**Lessee's Acknowledgment (initial)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (c) Lessee has received copies of all information listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_ (d) Lessee has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*.

**Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (e) Agent has informed the lessor of the lessor's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852(d) and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

**Certification of Accuracy**

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information provided by the signatory is true and accurate.

_____ Lessor	_____ Date	_____ Lessor	_____ Date
_____ Lessee	_____ Date	_____ Lessee	_____ Date
_____ Agent	_____ Date	_____ Agent	_____ Date