Simple Steps To Protect Your Family From Lead Hazards

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

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.
- 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, heat gun, dry scraper, or dry sandpaper on painted surfaces that may contain lead.
- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.



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

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that contains high levels of lead (lead can cause serious health hazards if not taken care of properly).

Federal 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 form 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 form about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.

RENOVATORS have to give you "Renovate Right" pamphlet before starting work.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION on these requirements, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (424-5323)

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CPSC Regional Offices

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

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