

Working on Pre-1978 Homes

Over 70% of homes built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. When working on windows, doors, and porches specifically, renovation, repair and painting jobs can disturb paint that may contain lead. Doing work improperly can cause a lot of dust.

OVERVIEW OF LEAD RISKS

- Lead-based paint chips and dust build up on window sills and wells, and floors.
- Flaking or deteriorating lead-based paint on a home's exterior can contaminate soil in the yard and be tracked into the home.
- Children are at risk when they get lead on their hands and toys, which they may put in their mouths.
- Lead-based paint chips, lead in soil or lead dust may be ingested by children, causing irreversible and permanent brain and nerve damage, learning difficulties and behavior problems.

HOW TO BE SAFE WHEN DOING HOME IMPROVEMENTS

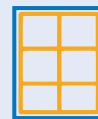
- Working in a home that may contain lead-based paint requires special safety measures.
- The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule requires landlords, property managers and contractors to follow lead-safe practices and be certified by the EPA.
- An EPA RRP-certified firm must take all necessary precautions to ensure daily set-up and clean-up of the area is performed to government standards, ensuring everyone's safety.



Find an EPA RRP-certified firm, along with additional resources on RRP for homeowners, landlords, property managers and contractors, by scanning the QR code.



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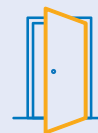
Windows

are an area of frequent use that can wear down over time as windows are opened and closed, creating lead paint dust and chips.



Porches

are another key area of a home where extra care is needed. People are walking on a porch wearing shoes and potentially bringing paint particles inside.



Doors

can also be high traffic areas with constant opening and closing as well.