

Getting Started: Do You Have Everything You Need?

Your team leader should provide:

- Disposable plastic sheeting
- Heavy duty plastic waste bags
- Spray bottles with water
- Wet sanding blocks
- Duct tape
- Sponges and disposable mop heads
- Disposable cloths
- Detergent for cleaning walls and floors
- Vacuum, with HEPA filter if available
- Protective eyewear
- N-100 respirators
- Disposable gloves, hats, and coveralls
- Tools
- Hand soap



Equipment you will need for the job.

Unsafe Work Practices for Lead-Based Paint

Never:

- Power sand without a HEPA containment system.
- Dry scrape or sand paint.
- Use open flame burning or heat guns over 1100 degrees to remove paint.
- Use uncontained power-washing or blasting.
- Use methylene chloride paint strippers.

More Information

For more information on how to protect yourself and family members, contact the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD (5323).



HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/>



National Center for Healthy Housing

<http://www.centerforhealthyhousing.org/>

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The Five Keys
To
Lead Safety

A guide for volunteers in painting and housing rehabilitation programs



Protect Occupants and Their Belongings

Because your work may produce dangerous lead dust, there are a few precautions you should take to protect the residents. You will need to:

- Keep all residents and their pets out of the work area.
- Do not allow pregnant women and small children (under 6 years) to be near the work area.
- Place a barrier or tape across entrances and post a warning sign.
- If working outside, ask neighbors to close windows and doors.
- Remove or cover all belongings, including furniture, area rugs, curtains, clothing, toys, and foods.



Post warning signs to keep residents out of the work area.

Prepare Work Area

Now it is time to get started. You should:

- Seal off the work area with heavy-duty plastic to keep dust from spreading.

- Close all windows and doors.
- Cover the floor, counters, air vents, carpeting, and any household items that you could not remove with plastic.
- Secure all of the plastic sheeting with duct tape.
- Close forced-air heating and ventilation systems.
- Put all tools and supplies on the plastic sheeting. Secure ladders under sheeting.



Cover the floor with plastic and seal it with duct tape.

Protect Yourself From Dust and Debris

Not only the residents are at risk—you are too! Be sure to:

- Keep dust levels down while working.
- Use eye protection, gloves, and N-100 respirators if needed.
- Wear shoe covers and leave in work area or wipe off shoes.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke in work area.
- Wash face and hands before eating and drinking.

Work Wet

Working wet helps keep any dust that is created from getting into the air and spreading.

- Lightly mist the surfaces you are working on with water from a spray bottle.
- Repeat the misting frequently to keep the surface damp.
- Clean up immediately with a damp rag or tack cloth to clean up.
- Don't leave dust or debris lying around.

! *Never spray water around electrical outlets or switches.*



Use spray bottles to mist the surface you are working on.

Make as little dust as possible and keep it contained!

? Why do we need to take so many precautions?

If you will be sanding, scraping, or otherwise disturbing paint while working you may be creating dangerous dust and debris that contains lead!

Work Clean

- Pick up debris and put it in a heavy-duty plastic bag.
- Mist and fold the plastic sheeting with the dirty side inwards and place in plastic bag. Seal bag with duct tape.
- Use a HEPA vacuum to clean all surfaces. Never use a broom as this can spread lead dust.
- Wash walls floors and other hard surfaces with detergent.
- Work top down when washing.
- Use two buckets, one with clean rinse water. Change your rinse water often.
- Put all dirty rags and mop heads in trash bag and seal with duct tape.
- Clean thoroughly with HEPA vacuum one more time.
- Wash your hands and face, wipe off your shoes, and change clothes before you leave.
- Shower immediately when you get home.
- Wash your work clothes separately.



Use two buckets to clean and change water often.