



# Work Lead-Safe in Your Home

## Renovate Right!

### 1. Prepare the work area

- ✓ Move toys, furniture and draperies out of the work area.
- ✓ If furnishings can't be moved, cover with plastic sheeting and tape securely.
- ✓ Keep windows and doors closed in work area.
- ✓ Cover work area floors, windows, doors heating ducts, air returns and window air conditioners with heavy-duty plastic sheeting and tape securely.

### 2. Protect workers and occupants

- ✓ Keep children, pregnant women and pets OUT of work area.
- ✓ Wear hats, disposable gloves and protective eyewear when working.
- ✓ Don't EAT, DRINK or SMOKE in work areas.
- ✓ Wear an N-100, R-100, or P-100 respirator on jobs that may create dust.
- ✓ Use ONLY HEPA vacuums and power sanders or grinders that have HEPA vacuum attachments.
- ✓ Don't use heat guns over 1,100°F.

### 3. Don't spread lead dust

- ✓ Make sure that your tools, paint and other equipment are on the plastic sheeting in the work area before starting work.
- ✓ Remove shoe covers (if used), clean shoes or wipe work shoes on tack mats before leaving work area.
- ✓ Take precautions, such as HEPA vacuuming or wet wiping, to make sure that you, your tools, and waste containers are free of dust and debris before leaving work area.

### 4. Work wet, work clean

- ✓ Mist areas to be scraped or sanded. Don't mist near electric outlet or switches.
- ✓ Clean up as you work. Be sure to wipe dust with a damp cloth, pick up debris and place in heavy-duty trash bags. Tape bags closed.
- ✓ Any large debris items (windows, doors, cabinets) should be wrapped in heavy-duty plastic sheeting and placed outside for trash pick up.

### 5. Clean the work area

- ✓ Collect paint chips and debris in a waste bag and tape it closed.
- ✓ Mist plastic sheeting, fold it inward, and tape shut to seal or seal in a heavy-duty waste bag.
- ✓ HEPA vacuum or wet-wipe walls and all hard surfaces in the work area with disposable cleaning cloths.
- ✓ Wet mop uncarpeted floors in the work area, keeping the wash water separate from the rinse water.
- ✓ Discard the mop head when finished.
- ✓ Double bag and tape shut all waste bags containing paint debris and discarded cleaning materials.

### 6. Waste disposal

- ✓ Homeowners may place bags containing lead dust, debris, plastic sheets and disposable protective equipment in household trash containers.

Need more information? Call

**1-800-424-LEAD(5323)**

Or visit:

**[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)**



# Protect Your Family From Lead Poisoning During Renovations

## HOMEOWNERS CHECKLIST

### Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Mister                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable<br>Cleaning Cloths | <input type="checkbox"/> Buckets                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler  | <input type="checkbox"/> HEPA Vacuum                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy-Duty<br>Plastic Sheeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrapers   | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy-Duty<br>Trash Bags      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wet or Wet/Dry<br>Sandpaper or<br>Sanding blocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet Mop                       |   |

### Personal Protection

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable<br>Coveralls                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves         | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses or<br>goggles                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable<br>Work Shoes or<br>Shoe Covers | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Cap | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable<br>N-100, R-100, or<br>P-100<br>Respirators |

