

Lead Hazard Warning

IF YOU CAUSE LEAD DUST TO BE CREATED, YOU COULD BE LIABLE FOR ANY ILLNESS CAUSED BY THE DUST.

Lead dust from lead-based paint can be **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS** to all persons, particularly young children, pregnant women, pets, and persons performing work.

Lead poisoning can cause permanent neurological damage, and is entirely preventable.

Testing your paint:

- If the work which you are required to do affects surfaces painted prior to 1978, you should test the paint **before** doing any work.
- If you decide not to test, then you should *presume* that the paint is lead-based. Virtually all buildings built before 1950 have some lead-based paint.
- Inside or outside painted surfaces are all suspect.

Control Measures:

The key to implementing lead-safe remodeling practices is **containment** of the job site. Important steps to take include the following:

- Cover interior and exterior exposed areas with plastic sheeting secured with duct tape.
- Turn off forced-air heating and air conditioning systems.
- Use water misting to prevent the dispersion of dust.
- Collect paint scrapings on plastic sheeting for disposal.
- Dress in coveralls and shoes or shoe covers that can be removed before leaving the job site.
- When finished, use wet mopping for cleanup and/or HEPA vacuum.

Never do the following:

- Dry sand or dry scrape.
- Power wash allowing chips to be scattered onto soil or into storm drain.
- Allow chips to be scattered or blown into neighbors' yards or onto sidewalks.
- Allow children to wander onto the job site when doing prep work.

For More information, contact:

- Sacramento County Lead Hazard Reduction Compliance & Enforcement Program (916) 875-8401
- Sacramento County Childhood Illness and Injury Prevention Program (916) 875-5869
- California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (510)622-5000
www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead
- National Lead Information Center (800)424-LEAD
- EPA Web Site www.epa.gov/lead/nlicdocs.htm