



Lead in Paint, Dust, and Soil

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Why Do You Need to Be Concerned About Lead?

Lead is a toxic metal that was used for many years in products found in and around our homes. Lead also can be emitted into the air from motor vehicles and industrial sources, and lead can enter drinking water from plumbing materials. Lead may cause a range of health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities, to seizures and death. Children six years old and under are most at risk.

Most Common Sources of Lead Poisoning:

- Deteriorating lead-based paint
- Lead contaminated dust
- Lead contaminated residential soil

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- [Lead Professionals](#) - Read about EPA requirements for lead-based paint abatement for known hazards, inspection, and risk assessment.

Lead-Safe Renovation, Repairs and Painting



New! Look into our tool box for information on becoming an EPA-certified lead-safe renovator or training provider.

Get Updates

Sign-up to receive more information on lead renovation issues that affect you.

Highlights

New! Fee Rule. On March 20, 2009, EPA issued a final rule to revise the existing fees for EPA's Lead-based Paint Activities regulations and to establish fees for the new Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting program.

New! March 17, 2009 - EPA is accepting applications for its 2009 Tribal Lead Grants program until April 30, 2009. The Agency is making available approximately \$500,000 for Tribal Lead Grants.

New! Initial and refresher model training courses for the

- Grants - Read about EPA's grant programs to fund lead poisoning prevention activities in local communities and across the nation.
- Lead in the News - Read about recalls, lead in toys and children's jewelry and more.
- Rules and Regulations - Read about EPA regulations and policy guidance on lead abatement, cleanup, risk assessment, and remodeling and renovations.
- Resource Center - Access links to additional information sources on lead from other EPA offices and organizations involved in efforts to reduce lead exposure.
- Lead Hotline

Renovation, Repair and Painting rule are now available along with applications and instructions for applying to become an accredited training provider.

EPA Recognizes Lead Paint Test Kits - EPA is recognizing two currently available lead test kits, with limitations, as part of its effort to evaluate the effectiveness of lead test kits.

Speak to a Specialist

Contact the National Lead Information Center (NLIC) at **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)**