



Safety Tips

Lead Safety- Lead Dust Reduction Tips

Lead Hazard Porch and Components



If your home was built before 1978, there is a good chance it has lead-based paint.

Some Facts About Lead

- Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults.
- Lead in dust is the most common way people are exposed to lead. People can also get lead in their bodies from lead in soil or paint chips.
- Lead-Based paint was used in more than 38 million homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978

- Projects that disturb painted surfaces create dust and endanger you and your family. Don't let this happen to you.
- Always use lead-safe work practices when renovation or repair will disturb painted surfaces.
- Always make sure your contractor is certified. The PA Department of Labor & Industry maintains the list and the licensures of PA Lead Abatement Certified Companies <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Labor-Management-Relations/bois/Documents/LEDCONT R.HTM>
- You can also verify that a contractor EPA certified through the EPA's website or by calling the national Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD
- Always ask to see a copy of the contractor's firm certification and License

Where does Lead Come From?

- The most common way to get lead in the body is from dust. Lead comes from deteriorating lead-based paint and lead contaminated soil that gets tracked into your home. The dust may accumulate to unsafe levels. The normal hand to mouth activities, like playing and eating, move that dust from surfaces like floors and window sills into the body.
- Home Renovation Creates dust

There are other things you can do to protect your family every day:

1. Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces
2. Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often
3. Make sure children eat healthy, nutritious diet consistent with USDA's dietary guidelines, that helps protect children from the effects of lead
4. Wipe off shoes before entering the house

Lead dust is often invisible.