

# LEAD-SAFE WORK PRACTICES

## For More Information

For a Permit application, schedule of free trainings or more information about working lead-safe:

**Lead-Based Paint Information Line:**  
(503) 731-4012

**LeadLine-toll free**  
(800) 368-5060.

Visit our website at:  
[www.healthoregon.org/leadpaint](http://www.healthoregon.org/leadpaint)

**Lead-Based Paint Program**  
800 NE Oregon St.,  
Suite 608,  
Portland, Oregon  
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To receive this document in an alternate format, call (503) 731-4012.

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## Contain Work Areas

- Minimize the amount of lead-based paint that is disturbed.
- Contain the work area to prevent paint dust and debris from spreading and creating a hazard.
- Close and seal off (contain) the work area with materials such as plastic sheeting, plastic pipe, wood, tarps, scaffolding, duct tape, wire, etc.
- Keep all residents, especially children, pregnant women and pets away from the work area.

## Use Safe Work Methods

- Control dust by using proper equipment and safe work practices.
- Use HEPA attachments on power tools to capture paint dust.
- Work wet by misting surfaces with water before sanding or scraping.
- Capture and dispose of power washing debris.
- Cover street storm drains with burlap, landscape cloth, etc. to prevent debris from entering drains.

## Protect Workers

- Wear respirators and personal protective clothing.
- For information about personal protective equipment and Oregon regulations protecting workers from lead exposure on the job, contact the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA). Phone toll free: (800) 922-2689.

## Clean Up Work Areas

- Paint dust and debris **MUST** be contained and cleaned up.
- Clean-up daily using wet methods and a HEPA vacuum.
- Remove plastic sheeting by rolling or folding inward.
- Collect waste and debris and seal in plastic bags.
- Use two buckets for mopping work surfaces-one for washing and one for rinsing.
- Have workers wash and change clothes and shoes before leaving work to avoid taking lead dust home.

## Waste Disposal

- For information concerning the proper disposal of LBP debris, contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Phone toll free: (800) 452-4011.



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## Prohibited Work Practices

- Do not dry scrape.
- Do not dry sand.
- Do not use open flame burning or torching.
- Do not use power sanders or grinders without dust controls or HEPA vacuum attachments.
- Do not use paint strippers with methylene chloride.
- Do not use high-pressure power washers without a protective enclosure.
- Do not use power blowers to disperse exterior paint debris.

The Environmental Toxicology Section of the Department of Human Services (DHS) has produced this fact sheet to inform painters and contractors about new lead-based paint regulations [Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-069].

Traditional paint prep, such as dry scraping and power sanding, create and spread large amounts of paint dust and debris. The new rules were designed to prevent humans and pets from being exposed to lead-based paint dust and debris, which can cause lead poisoning.

Lead poisoning can affect anyone, but young children and pregnant women are especially at risk because lead can slow growth and development. Lead poisoning in children can cause reading and learning problems, brain damage, behavior problems, and kidney and liver damage. In adults, high lead levels can cause high blood pressure, digestive and reproductive problems, nerve disorders and kidney damage.

### New Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Regulations

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-069 requires that any person removing or stabilizing paint on housing or child care settings built before 1978 must obtain a Permit from the Department of Human Services.

### Notification of Possible Lead Hazards

Federal law requires that painters or contractors distribute the pamphlet, "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home", before beginning work on pre-1978 housing. This pamphlet is available from the National Lead Info Line at (800-424-LEAD) or on the web at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

### Warning Signs

When disturbing or removing paint on pre-1978 housing or child care settings, painters and contractors must post a sign, visible from 30 feet, warning the public of POSSIBLE LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS. For a single copy of the warning sign call the Lead-Based Paint Program at (503) 731-4012.

### Permits

Painters and contractors must have a Permit from DHS to disturb or remove paint on pre-1978 properties covered by the rules. The permit fee is \$5. Permits expire on June 30. "Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting and Renovation Work" is available from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) website [www.hud.gov/lead](http://www.hud.gov/lead) or by calling the Lead-Based Paint Program at (503) 731-4012.