



Tips for Living with Lead in Your Home – PAINT

- If you find an area with damaged or peeling paint, do not sand it, since that will release lead dust that will fall on floors and other surfaces. Before repainting, painted surfaces can be scraped only after wetting them and placing plastic sheets under them.
- Clean up all visible paint chips and debris immediately using a Swiffer type floor cleaner (Swiffer WetJet or Swiffer Sweeper with wet cloths) or wet cleaning cloth. Wet cleaning cloths are preferred as they can be easily and safely thrown out. Paper shop towels and detergent, wet disposable rags with a cleaning solution, or wet wipes can also be used.
- Never use an abrasive cleaner or pad to clean areas with lead paint.
- Keep kids away from painted surfaces that are or may become chipped or scraped.
- Maintain a coat of paint over known lead paint. If the paint is not peeling or flaking, a coat of paint over the existing lead paint will provide an interim barrier.
- If the exterior of your home has lead paint, DO NOT power wash it.



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