

**Lead is a risk for you, your staff
and families**

Be Informed. Be Safe.



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Some of the materials available in PDF on
our website include:

***Protect Your Family From Lead In
Your Homes**

**(By law this brochure must be provided to
families prior to renovation work)*

Lead Paint Safety Guides

Lead - Based Paint Work Tips

ALSO AVAILABLE

**Free HUD Assessment Course for
Identifying Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

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Avoid Lead Poisoning Risks When Removing Carpeting



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Lead Poisoning is 100% Preventable

The Dangers of Lead

Lead poisoning is a serious concern for young children, pregnant woman, and adults.

It can cause permanent:

Brain damage, hearing loss, learning and behavior problems in young children

High blood pressure, kidney damage, hearing loss, fertility problems in adults, and decreased sexual drive in males

You can be exposed to lead any time you breathe lead dust or lead fumes, or by swallowing anything that contains lead.

The highest risk is in homes built prior to 1978. The older the home, the more likely it is to contain lead-based paint. When replacing carpet in any home built before 1978, you should always assume it contains some lead.

**FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE
REMODELING SAFETY
PROCEDURES WHEN REMOVING
CARPET CAN PROTECT
EVERYONE**

Before You Begin Checklist

- * Remove everything possible from the work area, including furniture so these items do not get covered with lead dust.
- * Any items that can't be taken out of the work space need to be covered with 6 mil polyethylene (poly).
- * Turn off all the heating, air conditioning, and ventilation systems in the home. If work is being conducted during winter use caution when turning off heating systems to prevent pipes from freezing.
- * Close, cover, and seal registers to prevent lead dust from settling in the vents.
- * Turn off window unit air conditioners and fans in the work area.
- * Cover and seal the window units with 6 mil poly.
- * Close, cover, and seal any unused doorways in the work area with layers of 6 mil poly.
- * Use 6 mil poly to cover the floors, hallways, and rooms you will be passing through when you carry the carpet out.

Removing Carpet

1. Mist the carpet, carpet backing and padding with water to keep dust down.
2. Roll the carpet inward to avoid spreading dust to other areas.
3. Wrap carpet and pad in 1 mil poly plastic sheeting. Tape seams closed with duct tape.
4. After the carpet is wrapped, vacuum the floor with a HEPA filter-equipped vacuum cleaner capable of removing 99.97% of dust at 0.3 microns.

Personal Cleanup

- * Vacuum dust from clothing with a HEPA-filter equipped vacuum cleaner capable of removing 99.97% of dust at 0.3 microns.
- * Always wash your hands and face before you leave the work site.
- * Change your clothing and shoes before leaving the work site to prevent contaminating other areas. Ensure the safety of your own families by washing your clothing separately from other family laundry.
- * Shower and wash your hair right after finishing work to prevent spreading lead dust.

Site Cleanup

- * Dispose off **all** construction trash in a 6 mil poly bag. Carefully remove any plastic sheeting used to protect surfaces by folding inward.
- * Wet wash floors, walls, and entire work area with a detergent solution and water using a disposable mop. Change water frequently.
- * Vacuum walls, and floors with a HEPA filter-equipped vacuum cleaner capable of removing 99.97% of dust at 0.3 microns.
- * Clean your vacuum and tools well.
- * Remember to clean out you **entire** work vehicle, including truck cabs.