

Any home built before 1978 is likely to contain at least some lead-based paint. The older the home, the more likely it is to contain lead. Fortunately, just because there is lead-based paint in a home does not mean that it has to be a hazard.

Lead hazards occur when paint is deteriorated, i.e. chipping, peeling, chalking or cracking. Impact and friction surfaces such as windows, doorways, and baseboards are likely culprits.

It is important to follow lead-safe work practices when doing renovations and repairs to protect yourself and your tenants from lead exposure. Always be sure to contain the work area, minimize dust, and clean up thoroughly.

Remediating (fixing) lead hazards can often be quick and inexpensive. Lead "abatement" by a certified contractor is not usually required!



The Broome County Health Department
and the
Lead Primary Prevention Program:

*Working with the community
to end childhood lead poisoning and create
a lead-safe Broome County.*

For additional information on lead,
our program, scheduling lead hazard
screenings, or to sign up for our
Lead-Safe Work Practices training,
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For links to information about lead
safety and what you can do,
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www.gobroomecounty.com/eh/lead

**Broome County
Health Department**

Lead Primary Prevention Program

Let's Get the Lead Out!

**Prevent childhood
lead poisoning.
Keep your properties lead-safe,
and renovate right!**



Who is Most at Risk for Lead Poisoning and Why?

- The risk of lead poisoning is greatest for young children and pregnant women. Pregnant women can pass lead onto their unborn children through the placenta.
- High levels of lead in a child's blood can cause irreversible developmental disabilities, kidney disease, liver damage, blindness and even death.
- Dust is the enemy. Children can be poisoned by invisible lead dust that settles on floors and other surfaces, where it can easily get on their hands or toys and into their mouths.
- Landlords, property managers, homeowners, or anyone doing repairs and renovations in older housing are also at risk, and can carry dangerous lead dust home to their families.

When controlling lead based paint hazards, be sure to follow lead-safe work practices. Protect your tenants, your employees, your family, and yourself.



Landlords & Property Owners:

Do you own housing that was built before 1978?

Do you or your employees conduct repairs, maintenance or renovations in housing built before 1978?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, you should know about the EPA's New Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP) and how it affects you!

- After April 22, 2010, anyone doing renovations, repairs or painting for compensation in pre-1978 housing that will disturb painted surfaces (with very few exceptions, such as emergency repairs) must be EPA trained and certified.
- This includes landlords, property managers and contractors, and applies to any activities that disturb interior painted surfaces 6 ft² or more, exterior surfaces of 20 ft² or more, window replacement, or demolition of painted surfaces.
- Those conducting repairs without the proper training after April 2010 will be subject to citations and fines.
- See www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm or contact the Health Department for more information.

Get ahead of the game.

Sign up for the Health Department's FREE Lead-Safe Work Practices training!

Childhood lead poisoning is an ongoing threat in Broome County.

Hundreds of young children are put at risk for lead poisoning every year because of the high percentage of old and deteriorated housing. Landlords and contractors have been sued for damages as a result of lead's permanent and devastating effects.



The Lead Primary Prevention Program can help.

We want to work with local contractors and property owners to eliminate lead hazards before children are affected.

Eligible participants in our program will receive:

- **Free** Lead-Safe Work Practices training for workers
- **Free** lead safety educational materials for you and your tenants
- **Free** lead hazard screenings of rental housing units
- **Free** professional recommendations for controlling lead hazards cheaply and effectively
- **Free** HEPA vacuum loaner program (for general household cleaning only)
- Up to \$500 worth of **Free** supplies (primer, brushes, protective equipment) per housing unit for lead remediation work (within target areas of 13905)
- One **Free** property clearance test per housing unit at the conclusion of remediation work (within target areas of 13905)

We will also be conducting door-to-door outreach to educate residents and screen for lead hazards.