

Don't Leave Lead Behind

Are you closing or relocating your shop? Finishing up a remodel or a paint job on a home or other building? Lead dust left behind can poison new or returning building occupants. You can be held responsible for any lead contamination that you leave behind.

What should I do?

Find out where the lead is.

Test all surfaces and equipment for lead. You can use a color-changing chemical test method in order to quickly and cheaply test for lead dust. Lead test kits, such as Lead Checks™, can be purchased at hardware stores. For painted surfaces you will need a product such as Full Disclosure™ that doesn't react to lead-containing paint. If you do not want to test for lead dust, you can simply assume that all surfaces are contaminated with lead.

Have trained and certified workers perform your lead cleanup.

We recommend that workers who are certified by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) to do lead construction work perform the cleanup. If your employees are not CDHS-certified, you should hire a certified contractor to do the work. If you are doing lead cleanup in a residence or a building that is open to the public, you may be required to use CDHS-certified workers (Lead in Construction Standard). (See *Resources* on back for help in finding a certified contractor or workers.)



Do wipe sampling after the cleanup is complete.

You should do wipe sampling of surfaces after cleaning to make sure the cleanup was effective. Wipe sampling will tell you how much lead remains on the surface. Collecting a dust wipe sample is easy to do. It involves carefully wiping a measured surface area with a moist towelette, which is then sent to a lab to be analyzed. You can use Full Disclosure™ wipes or a test kit provided by a laboratory for this purpose. The lab report will help you document that you have cleaned up adequately.* (See *Resources* for help in finding a lab to do wipe sampling.)

By taking steps to clean up lead contamination, you can rest easy knowing that building occupants will be safe from lead poisoning and your business is protected.

*This does not apply to clearance testing in public or residential buildings for the purpose of compliance with Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations. For more information, call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch: (800) 597-5323.

Resources

Find a **State-certified contractor or worker**

(<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPPH/DEODC/CLPPB/Pages/LRCcertlist.aspx>) or call (800) 597-5323

Cal/OSHA Lead in Construction Standard requirements

(<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPPH/DEODC/OHB/OLPPP/CDPH%20Document%20Library/lic.pdf>) or call (866) 627-1587 to get a copy

Contact an **accredited lab for a wipe sample kit and directions**

(<https://www.epa.gov/lead/national-lead-laboratory-accreditation-program-nllap>)

For information about Full Disclosure™ wipes:

See “[Hand Wipe Method for Detecting Lead](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/r2p/)” (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/r2p/>)

For help with questions about lead cleanup or wipe sampling: **Workplace**

Lead Helpline - (866) 627-1587 (toll-free number for California callers)

Note: Mention of any company name or product does not imply endorsement by the California Department of Health Services.



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Workplace Lead Helpline

Toll-free in California (866) 627-1587
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