

Environmental Share Lead Paint Fact Sheet

- What is Lead Paint?
 - A coating that contains 0.5 % or more (5,000-ppm) total Lead (Pb) by weight in the dried film.
- Why is Lead in paint?
 - Lead was added to paint to speed up drying, increase durability, maintain a fresh appearance, and resist moisture that causes corrosion.
- Where is it found?
 - Most often found in pre-1980 buildings but can be found anywhere?
- How can I be exposed to Lead?
 - Though common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition activities that create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint.
- When should I call Environmental?
 - Before demolition or renovation of painted/coated structures;
 - Flame-torch cutting, Welding, sanders, scrapers, or grinder, or abrasive blasting of steel structures to remove paint/coating.
- Who do I contact about getting paint sampled?
 - Call Rob Walker with Environmental Services at 865-7087, or
 - Environmental Services office 865-6000

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