

## Paint Repair Safety

### Materials:

- HEPA Respirator (do not use paper dust masks)
- Plastic Gloves, disposable coveralls and shoe covers, eye protection
- Spray Bottle with water
- Heavy-duty plastic sheets
- Paint scraper
- Heavy-duty plastic trash bags

### Preparation:

- Isolate the work area by sealing doors and windows with plastic sheets. Furniture, rugs and window treatments should be removed or covered.
- Cover the floor or ground with plastic sheets to contain paint chips. Sheets covering a floor should extend six inches up the baseboard. Sheets covering the ground surface should extend ten feet from the foundation plus five feet for each additional story.
- Turn off the heating and air system for the work area and seal air returns and vents to prevent contamination of the system

### Paint removal:

- Put on your protective equipments.
- Work from top to bottom. Wet, do not soak, a small area then remove the loose paint by scraping, **DO NOT SAND OR GRIND THE PAINT.**
- When the removal is complete, fold the plastic sheets from the edges into the middle. Double bag the sheets in heavy-duty trash bags and set out for pick up.
- Clean the work area at the end of each work session.

### Repainting:

- After the area has thoroughly dried, paint with a quality primer.
- Paint with a quality non-lead paint.
- Once the repainting is complete remove all loose chips and clean the surfaces with a general all-purpose cleaner to remove lead dust.
- Monitor the area for any signs of paint film failure (e.g., chipping or peeling).

### Precautions:

- The use of eye protection and a HEPA respirator are important for worker protection.
- Do not** work under windy conditions.
- Do not** allow non-workers into the area. Post signs warning of lead paint work.
- Do not** eat, drink or smoke in the work area.
- Do not** rest a ladder directly on plastic sheeting. Cut holes for the feet then seal them with tape.
- Do change into clean clothes prior to leaving the work area. Work clothing must be washed separately from other clothing.

If you have any questions on lead hazards contact the Vanderburgh County Health Department At 435-5695. Additional information about lead and healthy homes can be found at: [www.vanderburghcounty.in.gov/lead](http://www.vanderburghcounty.in.gov/lead)