



# LEAD PAINT renovation checklist

A guide for conversations with customers planning to renovate/repaint older homes that may put them and their families at risk of lead exposure.

## Was your house built before mid-1970s?

### YES: give the customer the SA Health home renovator postcard

- Homes built before mid-1970s and particularly before 1940 are most at risk of containing lead-based paint.
- But even newer houses, sheds and fences may have interior or exterior surfaces or structures that were painted with old lead-based paint. Renovations like removing walls, replacing ceilings, flooring and carpets can mobilise dust that may contain lead-paint dust or flakes from previous renovations.
- So lead-aware precautions need to be taken even if paint removal is not involved in current renovations.

## Have you tested your paint for lead?

### NO: Suggest purchasing an instant colour-change test kit. The kit is cheap, convenient and relatively reliable (although laboratory testing is more accurate).

- People might only test topcoats, but lead paint can be present in undercoats and go undetected.
- Refer customers to the SA Health webpage for instructions and 'how to do it' video on how to test paint effectively.

### YES and test was positive for lead paint:

SA Health recommends using a contractor experienced in lead paint removal.

Find an experienced contractor:

- Painters Institute: [painters.edu.au/search-painters](http://painters.edu.au/search-painters)
- Master Painters Australia (SA): [masterpainterssa.com.au](http://masterpainterssa.com.au)
- Master Builders South Australia: [mbasa.com.au](http://mbasa.com.au)

If customer chooses DIY – refer them to the national Six Step Guide to Painting Your Home and information and 'how to do it' videos on SA Health website (links on postcard) for safety precautions:

- **Protect your family:** pregnant women, children and pets should vacate the home until renovations and clean-up are complete.
- **Protect yourself with personal protective equipment** such as coveralls and dust masks. *(suggest PPE available in store)*
- **Prepare the renovation area.** *(suggest items such as plastic sheeting and tape available in store)*
- **Use lead-aware paint removal methods** to reduce dust generation e.g. wet sanding, wet scraping, chemical stripping.
- **Clean up thoroughly and dispose of waste safely:** HEPA vacuum and wet mopping.

For more information about lead exposure, health risks and lead paint contact SA Health on (08) 8226 7100 or visit:

[sahealth.sa.gov.au/leadpaintaware](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/leadpaintaware)



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