PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Take reasonable measures to ensure work clothes, shoes, tools, and other items are free from dust and debris. Comply with U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Housing, Urban Development standards, and Environmental Protection Agency standards pertaining to worker protections and lead-based paint activities.

PROHIBITED PRACTICES

DO NOT USE open flame torching of paint, any machine to remove paint or other surface coating without a high- efficiency particulate air (HEPA) local exhaust and shroud, any blasting method without HEPA exhaust control, heat gun operating above 1100° F, dry sanding, or scrapping, methylene chloride , stripping in poor ventilation, or disturb more than 2 square feet of lead –based paint without proper containment.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LEAD INSPECTORS

District lead inspectors conduct routine audits and are authorized by the District of Columbia Lead Prevention and Elimination Act to issue enforcement actions, including Fines.

This pamphlet applies to lead-based paint activities in residential dwellings, including multifamily structures, and child occupied facilities built before 1978.

To see the complete list of lead safe work practices and the Lead-Hazard Prevention and Elimination Regulation Based Paint Elimination go on-line to doee.dc.gov

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ITS THE LAW

In the District of Columbia, lead safe work practices must be used when conducting lead-based paint activities on residential dwelling units, including multi-family properties, and child occupied facilities built before 1978.

INTERIOR PREPARATION

- Remove interior belongings, or cover with plastic and tap the seams and edges so they extend at least 6 feet out from the work area.
- Post signs in the appropriate language before working and until cleaning verification is complete and warn residents to keep out.
- Use plastic sheeting to isolate contaminated rooms from non-contaminated rooms until cleaning verification is complete.
- Close windows, doors, and tape seal vents in work area.

EXTERIOR PREPARATION

- Cover soil, grass, or concrete with plastic sheeting that is tapped or secured, and extends at least 10 feet beyond work area.
- Erect vertical containment to prevent dust and debris from spreading to adjacent properties.
- Isolate work areas while ensuring workers have access to exit and enter.
- Close doors and windows within 20 feet of work area, including in multi-story buildings where work is on the same floor, or any floor below that is within 20 feet.
- Cover any chute to prevent waste from dispersing.

CLEAN UP AND DISPOSAL

AT THE END OF EACH WORK DAY:

- Spray-mist and collect all paint chips and debris and seal them in a heavy-duty plastic bag.;
- Store all waste inside an enclosure or behind a barrier; keep inside containment during transport; and
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UPON COMPLETION:

- Spray-mist and fold all coverings, dirty-side inwards, taping the folded coverings shut or sealing them in heavy-duty bags that do not tear easily;
- Store all waste inside an enclosure or behind a barrier; keep inside containment during transport; and
- Upon completion clean all objects and surfaces in the work area and within 2 ft. of the work area. Leave no visible dust or debris behind.