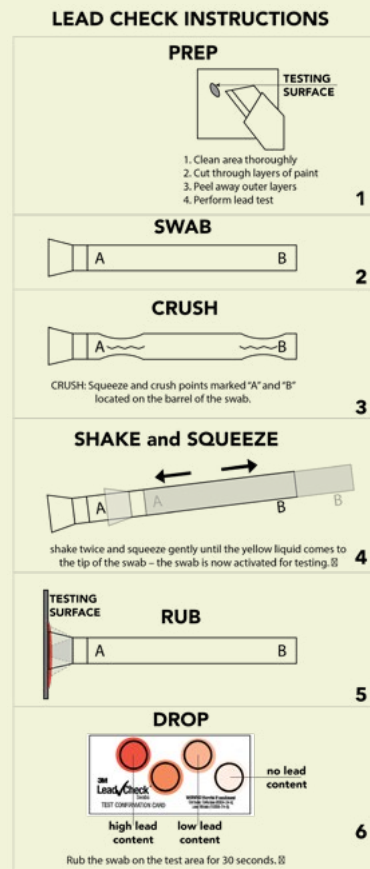


CHECK YOUR HOUSE FOR LEAD

IS YOUR HOME BUILT BEFORE 1978?

1 Test for lead

Before doing any remodeling or renovation activity in your home that disturbs the existing lead-based paint, you must do a lead check of the surface you are planning to remodel and take necessary precautions from contaminating lead to other parts of your home.



3M™ LeadCheck™

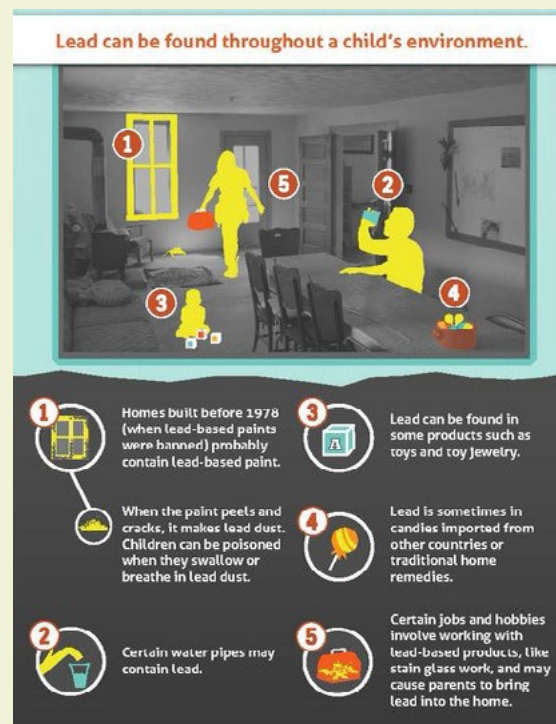
When used by a verified certifier, this test kit can reliably determine that regulated lead-based paint is not present on wood, ferrous metal (alloys that contain iron), or drywall and plaster surfaces. To order a 3M™ LeadCheck™ test kit call 800-494-3552 or buy it online on the 3M™ website. Following are the steps to do this test:

- 1. **CRUSH:** Squeeze and crush points marked "A" and "B" located on the barrel of the swab.
- 2. **SHAKE AND SQUEEZE:** With the porous fiber swab tip facing down, shake twice and squeeze gently until the yellow liquid comes to the tip of the swab – the swab is now activated for testing.
- 3. **RUB:** While squeezing gently, rub the swab on the test area for 30 seconds.

Source: 3M Lead Check instructions manual
 Cost for a kit with 8 pack: \$ 34.27 from paint supply and other home improvement stores.

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has a Lead Renovation, **Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule that requires** firms performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, childcare facilities and pre-schools **built before 1978** to be certified by EPA (or an EPA-authorized state) to follow lead-safe work practices. Testing kits are available that are recognized by EPA and lets you check the presence of Lead in your homes and plan your renovation.

2 Why testing for lead is important



Many homes built before 1978 will contain lead-based paints that can have health implications for you and your family. Lead-based paint may be present beneath the layers of new paint. Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, damaged, or damp) is a hazard and will need immediate attention. Lead content may be present in your building, soil and playgrounds, dust, products, drinking water, and other hobbies and activities. **Children six years or younger are most susceptible to the effects** of lead and any exposure of lead in the blood can result in behavior or learning problems, lower IQ and hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems and anemia. It can impact adults leading to cardiovascular effects, decreased kidney function and reproductive problems.

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