



Lead Safety Overview

At Christmas in October, we make the safety of our volunteers a top priority. We often work on older homes, built before 1978, that may contain interior and/or exterior lead-based paint. When disturbing or preparing an area that may contain lead-based paint, it is important to abide by the following steps:

- Assume the job involves lead-based paint.
- Set up a safe containment area.
- Protect yourself with safety gear.
- Control the spread of dust.
- Leave the work area clean.
- Control and dispose of waste properly.

Christmas in October staff will provide comprehensive training on lead containment and safety at the **House Captain Training sessions**, which are scheduled for the late summer.

For more detailed information:

- Visit the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) website to learn more about the dangers of lead paint and proper containment.
- Review the [EPA handbook/brochure](#), which is part of the organizations Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program.