

## PROTECT YOUR HOME

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# A checklist for protecting your home

- If your home was built before 1978, test your home for lead-based paint and learn about potential lead hazards.
- Keep painted surfaces well-maintained and fix any chipping or peeling paint. Use a lead-safe certified contractor for renovation, repair or painting jobs.
- Keep your home clean and as free of dust as possible—particularly around areas where painted surfaces rub together upon opening and closing, such as windows, doors and painted drawers.
- Wipe up any paint chips or visible dust with a wet sponge or rag.
- Hire an EPA lead-safe certified firm before renovating, repairing or painting your home. [Find help.](#)
- If you are a do-it-yourselfer, [learn how to work lead-safe.](#)
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often.
- Teach children to remove their shoes, and wash their hands after playing outdoors.
- Ensure that your family members eat well-balanced meals.

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