

Lead can be found in unexpected places

Lead exposure is a known health risk. It's important to know what causes lead exposure, and how to reduce exposure for yourself, your family, and children in your care

Paint on homes built before 1990 may contain lead

The older the home, the greater the risk. These are things you need to look for:

Peeling or flaking paint especially within reach of young children



Renovations that disturb painted surfaces

- Sanding or scraping creates airborne lead dust
- Demolition, window replacement, opening up walls create airborne lead dust



Here's what you can do about it:



Cover painted walls with wallpaper or panelling



Repair flaking or peeling paint following the guidelines at:

epa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/steps.pdf



Hire a professional trained to safely remove old paint

GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD AT:

Manitoba.ca/leadaware

If you have further questions about lead exposure, contact Health Links — Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

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