

Standard Treatments

- 1. Safely repair deteriorated paint.** The standards set forth in Essential Maintenance Practices apply. (Note that the safe repair of deteriorating paint should have already been done under Essential Maintenance Practices. The same procedures apply to stabilizing deteriorated paint identified in the course of Standard Treatments.)
- 2. Provide smooth and cleanable horizontal surfaces.** Rough, pitted, and porous surfaces trap lead dust and make it difficult to thoroughly clean these surfaces. Smooth horizontal surfaces will make it possible for tenants' regular housekeeping to reduce exposure to lead dust (for example, recoating hardwood floors with polyurethane, replacing or recovering worn out linoleum floors, treating interior window sills). During treatment of an occupied unit, occupants and their possessions must be protected from lead exposure, but only surfaces that are accessible need to be treated.
- 3. Correct conditions in which painted surfaces are rubbing, binding, or being crushed that can produce lead dust (unless the paint is found not to be LBP).** Owners shall correct conditions that cause rubbing, binding, or crushing of painted surfaces to protect the integrity of the paint and reduce the generation of lead dust (for example, rehanging binding doors, installing door stops to prevent doors from damaging painted surfaces, reworking windows).
- 4. Cover or restrict access to bare residential soil (unless it is found not be lead-contaminated).** Under Title X, only bare soil that is lead-contaminated is defined as a hazard. Owners shall visually check for bare soil when performing treatments on a unit and implement controls to prevent occupant exposure (for example, covering bare soil with gravel, mulch, or sod; physically restricting access to bare soil). In most cases, covering bare soil is an effective control.
- 5. Specialized cleaning.** Lead-contaminated dust, the foremost path of childhood poisonings, may not be visible to the naked eye and is difficult to clean up. Owners shall conduct specialized cleaning of work areas upon completion of the treatments above. During treatment of an occupied unit, only surfaces that are accessible need to be cleaned.
- 6. Perform sufficient dust tests to ensure safety.** When performing Standard Treatments in vacant units, sufficient dust tests are needed following treatment to provide a reasonable assurance of compliance. Dust tests of the work area are to be performed after completion of Standard Treatments in any unit occupied by a family with a child under age six or a pregnant woman if more than a *de minimis* amount of paint is disturbed.