

# **LEAD ABATEMENT GUIDE**

#### What is Lead?

Lead is an element that occurs naturally in the Earth's crust. Too much exposure to lead can be harmful to humans, especially children, creating profound adverse health problems. It can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavior problems. Lead is also harmful to adults.

### Where is Lead Found?

Lead can be found in many homes, child care facilities, schools, and public buildings. It is most commonly found in lead-based paint and lead-contaminated soil, entering the body as dust. Lead can also be present in water or household items such as lead-glazed pottery and lead crystal.

### Where Lead Paint is Found?

The federal government banned the use of lead paint in 1978; however, it is still found under layers of paint in millions of homes, child care facilities, schools, and public buildings. You can identify potential sources of lead paint if you see:

- Paint that is cracked or chipped in a geometric pattern
- Paint that rubs off with a chalky residue
- Paint flakes and paint dust in the air and on horizontal surfaces
- Paint particles and flakes in soil

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### What You Need to Do

Lead is toxic and must be tested and abated by professionals. These professionals are certified risk assessors or inspectors who can determine if your property has lead or lead hazards. The inspection will confirm if lead is present in all or some areas of the property and provide recommended remediation actions. Risk Removal will coordinate with the certified inspector to ensure your property is properly assessed and all hazards are identified to be included in a comprehensive inspection report.

### If Lead Paint is Found

Risk Removal specializes in the safe and certified removal of lead-based paint and remediation of lead hazards. A project manager will consult with you on the results of the report and make recommendations for the safe, complete removal of the lead paint. All work is performed by certified Risk Removal employees in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations.

Working with Risk Removal
Risk Removal, LLC., has provided
environmental services in the Rocky
Mountain region for more than 25 years.
The company was organized in 1989 and
has continuously held General Abatement
Certificates since that time, and currently
serves Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.

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Projects are delivered on a turnkey basis and may include project estimation, certified project design, remediation and abatement, final clearances and disposal. Risk Removal knows that completing a project to the client's satisfaction requires having the best team. The company employs a team of fully trained and certified project designers, project managers, supervisors and technicians. The team uses state-of-the-art equipment and industry best practices to complete projects safely and in compliance with all regulations.











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