

Lead Inspectors

Lead poisoning is a hazard that can affect nearly every system in the body. Hiring a **licensed** lead abatement contractor is vital. Unlicensed individuals attempting lead work put their own health and safety at risk, as well as that of those around them.

A list of lead abatement contractors licensed in Ohio can be found here: <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/lead-licensure-and-accreditation-program/hire-a-professional>

Know your lead workers, and know their limitations!

Risk Assessor - Determines the presence, nature, severity and location of lead hazards, and provides advice and options for control. A licensed lead risk assessor may perform all the activities of a lead inspector.

Lead Inspector - Conducts investigations on a surface by surface basis to determine the presence of lead-based paint. A lead inspector may also conduct clearance examinations. A lead inspector may NOT identify hazards or suggest solutions.

Clearance Technician - May conduct a visual inspection, collect dust samples and submit them for analysis. A clearance technician may NOT conduct a clearance that involves abatement, or to determine compliance with a Lead Hazard Control Order issued by the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Lead Abatement Contractor - Conducts lead abatement and control, and may supervise abatement projects.

Lead-Safe Renovator (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule compliant) - An individual who is in compliance with the RRP rule is NOT a licensed lead worker. The EPA's RRP rule requires the use of lead-safe practices in properties built before 1978, and the renovator must be certified through the EPA. Lead-safe renovation may NOT be performed in lieu of lead abatement on a property at which a lead-poisoned child under six years of age has been identified.

Investigations involving a lead-poisoned child in Lucas County MUST be conducted by the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department. The City of Toledo's Lead Ordinance should not be confused with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Properties under Lead Hazard Control Orders are jurisdiction of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

