



SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION

Lead Safety

Any house built before 1978 may have lead-based paint. The only way to be sure if your house does or does not have lead-based paint is to test it. If you know or suspect there is lead in your paint:

- Clean areas with cracked, chipping or peeling paint frequently. Designate one set of cleaning tools for cleaning lead dust so you do not spread lead dust from place to place.
- Stabilize cracked, chipping or Peeling paint with duct tape or another coat of paint to temporarily reduce the amount of lead paint dust in the home.

- Only use HEPA vacuums to collect lead dust from floors and windows. HEPA vacuums are available at no cost from Project Home (264-3733) or the Dane County Division of Public Health at (242-6410).

In all cases:

- Wash children's hands often, especially before eating.
- Use cold tap water for drinking, cooking and making instant formula.

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Radon Safety

Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas that is impossible to see, smell or taste, but it may be a problem in your home.

- Test your home for radon—it's easy and inexpensive.

- Seal cracks in floors and walls.
- If high levels of radon exist in your home, have an EPA-certified contractor install a system to reduce radon levels.

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