



Flin Flon Community Health Project

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LEAD-BASED PAINT

Before the 1980s, most paint in Canada was made with lead. It is likely that many of the homes in Flin Flon and Creighton still contain lead-based paint, either as a top coat or in older layers that have been covered up. It is important to be aware of the risk that lead-based paint can pose if damaged or disturbed through deterioration (chipping, peeling, cracking etc.) or renovation/repair. When lead-based paint is damaged or disturbed, lead is released in dust and debris and poses a risk if inhaled or ingested.

If you are planning renovation or repair projects in your home, or notice that you have deteriorating paint on walls, windows, stairs or doors it is very important to determine if that paint contains lead.

LEAD PAINT TEST KITS

To test the paint in your home for lead, pick-up a free test kit from McMunn and Yates located at 1 Park St. in Flin Flon. Each kit will allow you to test 7 patches of paint. Simple, detailed instructions are provided with the kit. Rapid, accurate results are available in less than 13 minutes. Each test is for one time use only.

If you discover that your home does contain lead-based paint, it is strongly recommend that you hire a professional contractor with experience handling contaminated material to perform the repair or renovation work in your home.

It is important that the contractor understands that your home contains lead-based paint, and that they take the proper precautions to limit the spread of dust and debris in your home.

If you choose to do your own home repair or renovation work, please pick-up the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's *Lead in Your Home* booklet available at McMunn & Yates.

It is important to remember that small children should be kept far away from construction work areas because they are particularly sensitive to lead.

HEPA VACUUM RENTAL PROGRAM

When disrupting lead-based paint in any way in your home, a HEPA filter-equipped vacuum should be used to clean up dust and debris properly and safely.

HEPA filter-equipped vacuums are now available to rent from HBMS at no charge through the Flin Flon Community Health Project. Please visit our website at www.communityhealthproject.ca for more information or call the HBMS main gate at 687-2381.



The Flin Flon Community Health Project is an initiative that stemmed from the Flin Flon Soils Study. For more information about the project, please visit www.communityhealthproject.ca or email info@communityhealthproject.ca.

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