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LEAD-BASED PAINT POLICY

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the university to identify potential lead-based paint (LBP) hazards, and to comply with applicable federal and local statutes and regulations regarding lead-based paint in buildings. This policy establishes general procedures for the identification, maintenance, accidental disturbance, and remediation of LBP in accordance with local and federal regulations.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

Lead-based paint that is in poor condition is known to be a potential health hazard. This policy provides guidelines for reporting potential lead-based paint hazards in university buildings or facilities, and provides guidelines and work practices to minimize exposure to lead-containing dust.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

Faculty, staff, students and contractors

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Policy/Procedures

Lead-based paint that is in poor condition is known to be a potential health hazard. Buildings built before 1978 may have lead-based paint applied to the interior or exterior surfaces.

Suspected Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Members of the university community who observe or suspect a potential lead-based paint hazard in a university building or facility should not damage or disturb the suspected material, and should report the potential hazard to the Office of Health and Safety at 202-994-4347. Health and Safety will coordinate inspection of the suspected material, and coordinate any remediation efforts that may be necessary.

Required Disclosure for Residence Facilities

Prior to occupancy by lessees or licensees of some university residence halls, apartments or townhouses built before 1978, the university is required by law to advise such lessees or licensees that such housing may contain lead-based paint. The university will provide all lessees or licensees of such housing with lead-based paint disclosure information, which must be reviewed and signed by all lessees or licensees prior to occupancy.

Lead-Based Paint in Work Areas

The university's Project Manager is responsible for contacting the Office of Health and Safety to determine if lead-based paint is present in any work area prior to building maintenance or renovation projects. The Project Manager is also responsible for informing all contractors and subcontractors of the location of lead-containing paint in the work areas to which they are assigned.

University employees or contracted workers shall not damage or disturb known or suspected lead-based paint without proper training and a compliant safety protocol. If suspected lead-based paint is discovered during the course of renovation/demolition work, the Project Manager should suspend work that could disturb the material and contact the Office of Health and Safety for testing of the materials. Work must not resume until the material can be positively identified.

This policy enforces the procedures set forth by the [Lead-Based Paint Program](#).

Website Address for This Policy

[GW University Policies](#)

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Contacts

Subject	Contact	Telephone	Email
Lead-Based Paint	Health and Safety	202-994-4347	safety@gwu.edu

Definitions

Lead-Based Paint The District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia define lead-based paint (LBP) as paint or other surface coating that contains greater than 0.50% lead by weight or equal to or greater than 1.0 milligrams of lead per square centimeter.

The State of Maryland defines LBP as paint or other surface coating that contains greater than 0.50% lead by weight or greater than 0.7 milligrams of lead per square centimeter.

Definitions of LBP may vary in other jurisdictions.

Related Information

[Lead-Based Paint Program](#)

[District Department of the Environment: All About Lead](#)

[29 CFR 1910.1025](#) (Lead in General Industry)

[29 CFR 1926.62](#) (Lead in Construction)

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[Occupational Safety & Health Administration](#)

Who Approved This Policy

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