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Work Wet, Work Clean and Work Lead Safe!

-  **Do** ask, “What year was your home built in?”
-  **Do** follow the Federal law and give your clients the booklet “Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home” before beginning work that disturbs painted surfaces in any house or structure built before 1978.
-  **Do** use lead safe work practices to protect your clients, families and workers.
-  **Do** remind homeowners that pregnant women and children should not be present in any area where renovations are taking place.
-  **Do** work wet and work clean.
-  **Do** use a professional vacuum with a HEPA filter to clean up window areas, etc. from lead-based paint chips and dust.
-  **Do** handle and discard construction debris properly to avoid contaminating soil and clients homes with lead.
-  **Do** wash your hands before eating, drinking or smoking.
-  **Do** remove your contaminated clothes and boots before entering your own home.
-  **Do** shower and wash your hair as soon as you arrive home.
-  **Do** wash your work clothes separately from the rest of your family’s laundry.

-  **Do** wash the interior of your vehicle, including seats and mats frequently. Vacuuming with a standard vacuum cleaner may spread lead-based paint dust.
-  **Do** consult the pamphlet: Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work.
-  **Do** obtain Lead Safe Work Practice Training for yourself and your employees.
-  **Don't** dry scrape, dry sand, or burn lead-based paint.
-  **Don't** use the client's home vacuum or Shopvac to clean up lead-based paint debris or dust.
-  **Don't** hold your children or sit on your home furniture until you have changed work clothes and showered.

Do contact your local health department at 315 798-5064 if you need more information.