

Lead-Based Paint Abatement Clearance Guidelines

for Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities

Clearance Category	Number of Room Equivalents (i.e. room, stairway, hallway)	Number & Locations of Samples
Category 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Interior work without</u> dust containment. • The clearance area is the entire dwelling unit, common area or child-occupied facility. • Samples should be collected from components that are present (i.e. sill and trough). If components are not present, then only sample from components that are present (i.e. floor). 	1 - 4 room equivalents	All rooms must be sampled. Collect 3 samples from each room equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 interior window sill (if present); • 1 window trough (if present); and • 1 floor.
	5 or more room equivalents	At least 4 rooms must be sampled. Collect 3 samples from each room equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 interior window sill (if present); • 1 window trough (if present); and • 1 floor.
Category 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Interior work with</u> dust containment. • The minimum clearance area includes the rooms in which work was done, area outside each containment and passageways used by workers. 	1 - 4 room equivalents	Same as Category 1, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 floor sample outside of, and within 10 feet of, each containment area; and • 1 floor sample along each passageway used by workers walking to and from the work area.
	5 or more room equivalents	Same as Category 1, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 floor sample outside of, and within 10 feet of, each containment area; and • 1 floor sample along each passageway used by workers walking to and from the work area.

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<p>Category 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksite-only clearance for small <u>interior</u> work of short duration, with low dust generation and <u>with</u> dust containment. • The minimum clearance area includes the rooms in which work was done. 	1 room equivalent	Collect 4 samples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 floor; • 1 window sill (if present); and • 1 window trough (if present).
	More than 1 room equivalent	Collect 3 samples from each room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 floor (1 from within 5 feet of a work surface & 1 near the main doorway used by workers to access the room); and • 1 interior window sill or window trough, if present, alternating between rooms.
<p>Category 4: <u>Exterior</u> paint-disturbing work.</p>		Perform a visual assessment: no visible paint chips, deteriorated paint, dust or debris. Additionally, clearance wipe samples must be collected from the exterior floors and concrete involved with the abatement project. If building openings were not sealed or tightly closed, conduct Category 1 interior dust sampling in rooms that may have been contaminated.

Lead Dust Clearance Levels by Wipe Sampling	Note
40 µg/ft ² Floors (carpeted and uncarpeted)	
250 µg/ft ² Interior window sills	◇ In the State of Georgia, all clearance wipe samples must be single surface; composite samples are not permitted.
400 µg/ft ² Window troughs or wells	
800 µg/ft ² Exterior concrete surfaces in Georgia	◇ Reference the HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing for further information on clearance activities.
◇ All covered floors outside the building and within the work area, such as stoop, porch or carport, must be cleared to the floor clearance level of 40 µg/ft ² , even if it is concrete.	