

Using the 3M™ LeadCheck™ Paint Test Kit

1. Only a certified lead-safe renovator may use a recognized lead test kit.
2. Paint testing may only be performed at the request of the property owner or person contracting for services.
3. The 3M LeadCheck test kit is limited to use on paint or other coatings on wood, ferrous metal (alloys that contain iron), drywall or plaster substrates.
Note: The Wisconsin definition for lead-based paint is a lead content in paint or other coating that is more than 0.7 milligrams per square centimeter (mg/cm²) or more than 0.06% lead by weight.
4. The certified lead-safe renovator must follow the manufacturer's instructions for using the 3M LeadCheck test kit.
Note: For use on PLASTER AND DRYWALL, users of 3M LeadCheck should download the manufacturer's instructions for using the test kit on plaster and drywall, at www.leadcheck.com/using-leadcheck-on-plaster-and-drywall. The updated procedure for testing plaster and drywall is slightly different than the procedure used previously. 3M LeadCheck test kits shipped to retail outlets after April 1, 2012, contain the updated instructions. Kits purchased prior to April 1, 2012, or that contain the older instructions can still be used but the user must follow the updated instructions when testing plaster and drywall.
5. Each distinct component and surface to be disturbed must be tested with a separate and unused lead check swab.
Examples: A single window system may require the use of 10 or more swabs to test all components of the window, including interior sill, apron, window well, exterior sill, interior sash and muntins, exterior sash and muntins, interior window casing, window jamb, interior stop, exterior stop, and exterior framing. In a room, each wall is considered a separate surface. A wall split by a chair rail requires one lead check swab for the area below the chair rail and a separate swab to test above the chair rail. Chair rails, baseboards and crown moldings on each wall need to be tested separately.
6. Test only the components that will be disturbed during the renovation project.
7. Maintain a record of the manufacturer and model of each test kit used, verification that the test kit is recognized by the department, a description of each component tested, including the specific location, and the result for each location and test kit used.
8. Provide the written lead test kit report to the person contracting for the work within 10 days of completing the renovation activities.

For more information on working lead-safe see our website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead.



Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health
P-00411 (10/2012)