

# Vermont Housing & Conservation Board Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program

## Visual Inspection Guidance

1. All interior painted surfaces from which paint has been removed or stabilized must be visually inspected by the Lead Program or its agent prior to priming or repainting.
2. At the time of the visual inspection, all work must be completed and area is to be visibly free of dirt, dust, and debris.
3. Visual inspection is a room by room or area by area determination of completion of work and a verification of hazard removal. Passing visual inspection allows for priming and painting of stabilized or scraped surfaces and allows the removal of critical barriers and start of final clearance cleaning.
4. All scraped and stabilized paint edges must be sanded to a smooth transition. All bare wood must be sanded smooth and have no loose wood fibers, splinters, rough edges, planer or scraper marks.
5. All appropriate respiratory and personal protective measures must be maintained until passing visual inspection unless the contractor has relevant exposure monitoring data that demonstrates the tasks performed do not expose any employee above the action level of  $30 \mu\text{g} / \text{m}^3$ .
6. All waste and debris shall be removed from the property prior to the visual inspection.
7. Critical barriers and containment are to remain in place until after a passing visual examination in case the visual examination identifies areas needing further work.
8. Upon passing visual inspection, if other non-lead related work is to be performed by other contractors, all critical barriers must be removed by the lead contractor before other workers are allowed access to the work area.
9. All components removed from the job site for off-site paint stripping or refurbishment must first pass visual inspection before priming and installation. Chemically stripped components shall be tested for proper pH and moisture content before priming.