

Working with paint containing lead (removal, disposal)

The State of Arizona adheres to federal EPA requirements for certification and training of employees involved in removal of lead paint. Northern Arizona University must be (and is) a "Certified Firm" for its employees to participate in lead paint removal. There must also be a "Certified Renovator" who supervises all lead paint removal. This certification is obtained by participation in an approved training course, and certification is issued by the EPA accredited trainer. Work may be done by "trained workers"- workers who have been trained by a Certified Renovator, following EPA guidelines, to understand and properly handle lead- containing paint. Northern Arizona University has certified renovators and trained personnel; only these workers are permitted to remove lead-containing paint. Requirements for certification and training are found in Section 6 of the Lead Safety manual.

All paint removal projects must be reviewed/inspected by Environmental Health and Safety. EHS will test the paint for lead content before any removal work begins. The testing will be conducted onsite, using an XRF (X-Ray Fluorescence) Spectrum Analyzer; this process does not disturb the integrity of the lead paint. If necessary, EHS may collect paint chips and submit them to an authorized laboratory for quantitative analysis. All analytical work must be completed before paint removal can begin. Inspections may be requested through the NAU EHS website

Additional Details on Lead Safety may be found in the NAU Lead Safety Manual.

Contact and additional program information for NAU EHS safety personnel and programs is available on the EHS Website www.nau.edu/ehs or by using the EHS switchboard email nauehs@nau.edu or ocsafety@nau.edu.