

Required Training for Employees working with Lead

Training requirements differ significantly for different activities, and are presented by element below.

1) Handling lead bricks, other inert lead-containing objects: Workers whose jobs require they physically handle solid lead and lead-containing objects will be trained to understand the potential hazards of handling the lead, including carrying small amounts of lead dust home and exposing small children to lead. OSHA does not address training requirements for this element of the program, but EH&S strongly recommends that as a minimum, awareness training be provided and cover required PPE, proper decontamination, and disposal of PPE and cleaning materials. This training can be provided by EH&S or a knowledgeable supervisor.

2) Working with paint containing lead: Each team of employees involved in paint removal will be supervised by a Certified Renovator. The Certified Renovator will receive formal training and certification from an EPA accredited Lead training provider. The Certified Renovator is responsible for training everyone on his/her team in lead-safe work practices specific to each job.

3) Welding, cutting, soldering, i.e. activities that disturb the integrity of the lead: it is the responsibility of the employee's supervisor to ensure the employee has been trained to recognize materials that may contain lead, and the risks associated with physically disturbing those materials. OSHA does not address training requirements for this element of the program, but EH&S strongly recommends workers be trained to request lead testing, follow established procedures, wear appropriate PPE, and to perform appropriate cleanup following each job.

4) Working with lead -other: OSHA does not address training requirements for this program element, but EH&S strongly recommends that all workers should be made aware of the hazards associated with working with lead; this is the responsibility of the person in charge of the project.

5) Total Removal of lead: this activity must occur under the strict guidance of EPA. All workers participating in such activity must be Certified Lead Abatement workers. Should total lead removal become necessary, contact EH&S for guidance and to arrange the removal.

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.

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