



## Clearance Examination Preparation Instructions

Ohio Unleaded LLC conducts Clearance Examinations to determine whether a property meets applicable lead-safety requirements. Proper preparation is critical to avoid failed inspections, resampling, or additional fees.

### PROPERTY CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Before a Clearance Examination can be performed, all interior and exterior painted surfaces must be intact and free of deteriorated paint. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Walls, ceilings, and trim
- Doors and door frames
- Baseboards
- Windows and all window components, including sills, troughs, stops, jambs, and sashes
- Porches, stairs, railings, and exterior trim (if applicable)

Any chipping, peeling, cracking, or flaking paint must be properly corrected before scheduling a clearance exam.

If there is uncertainty regarding whether a surface will pass inspection, Ohio Unleaded LLC offers Paint Condition Assessments to identify areas of concern prior to scheduling.

### REPAIR AND WORK PRACTICES

All paint disturbance should be completed using lead-safe work practices. At a minimum, Ohio Unleaded LLC strongly recommends that any repair work be completed by EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) certified workers.

*When performing repairs:*

- Use wet methods when scraping or sanding
- Contain work areas to prevent the spread of dust
- Cover floors and horizontal surfaces with disposable plastic
- Do not dry scrape or sand painted surfaces

After repairs are completed, work areas must be thoroughly cleaned before repainting.

## **CLEANING REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DUST WIPE SAMPLING**

A Clearance Examination requires both a passing visual inspection and acceptable dust wipe results.

All areas must be free of visible dust and debris. Cleaning should always be performed from top to bottom.

*Cleaning guidance includes:*

- Window sills and troughs must be cleaned thoroughly using an all-purpose cleaner
- Wipe in one direction only; do not scrub back and forth
- Each window component should be cleaned at least twice
- Hard floors should be wet-mopped using clean water and a clean mop head for each room
- Carpeted floors should be vacuumed thoroughly; HEPA vacuums are strongly recommended

## **CLEARANCE EXAM DAY PREPARATION**

On the day of the clearance examination:

- The property should be ready at least one hour prior to the scheduled appointment
- At least one window per room must be operable
- Furniture and personal items must be moved to allow access to floors, windows, and work areas

Last-minute cleaning immediately before sampling is not permitted and may result in rescheduling or failed results.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Clearance results reflect property conditions at the time of inspection only
- Changes in conditions after inspection may result in future failures
- Ohio Unleaded LLC is not responsible for failed results due to inadequate preparation
- Ohio Unleaded LLC is not responsible for tenant-related delays or access issues

Following these instructions helps ensure a successful clearance examination and timely issuance of results.