



ATTENTION BUILDING OWNERS AND LEAD ABATEMENT CONTRACTORS

NEW LEAD-BASED PAINT STANDARDS

Pursuant to Local Law 66 of 2019, the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) adopted a new citywide definition for lead-based paint (LBP) as shown below. Pursuant to section 173.14(b) of the New York City Health Code, these standards will apply to identify LBP hazards in all Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH” or “the Department”) inspections.

The citywide standards for LBP are as follows:

	New Standards	Old Standards
Paint tested by an x-ray fluorescence analyzer or accurately measured paint chip sample	0.5 mg/cm ²	1.0 mg/cm ²
Paint chip sample that cannot be accurately measured or if an accurately measured paint chip sample cannot be removed	0.25 percent by weight	0.5 percent by weight

The standards apply to paint or other surface coating tested/analyzed by DOHMH on or after December 1, 2021, for all investigations conducted.

The standards also apply to evidence of lead content presented in a contestation of a DOHMH Commissioner’s Order if the Order includes LBP violations tested by DOHMH on or after December 1, 2021.

Should you have any questions about the above requirements, please email questions to the DOHMH’s Healthy Homes Program at safework@health.nyc.gov referencing “New lead-based paint standards.” Please also provide your name and phone number with your inquiry.