



ATTENTION BUILDING OWNERS AND LEAD ABATEMENT CONTRACTORS

NEW LEAD-BASED PAINT STANDARDS

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH” or “the Department”) adopted new lower lead-based paint (LBP) standards as of July 20, 2019. Local Law 66 of 2019 outlines the new lead reference/action levels and standards relating to LBP hazards identified in the response to a child reported with a blood lead level equal to or greater than 5 mcg/dL.

The new DOHMH 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 new standards apply to paint or other surface coating tested/analyzed by DOHMH on or after July 20, 2019 for investigations conducted in response to a child reported with a blood lead level equal to or greater than 5 mcg/dL.

The new 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 July 20, 2019.

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 in paint standards.” Please also provide your name and phone number with your inquiry.