



**Philadelphia Department of Public Health**

**LEAD SAFE RENTAL DISCLOSURE  
AND CERTIFICATION LAW GUIDANCE**

**Dust Wipe Sampling Protocol**

Pursuant to the Philadelphia Code Section 6-800 which has been amended by Bill No. 100011-A, approved December 21, 2011 and effective December 21, 2012, Philadelphia landlords are required to provide new tenants in properties built before 1978, in which children aged six (6) and under reside, a valid certification that the property is lead safe or lead-free. To be valid, the certificate must be based on an inspection conducted by a lead risk assessor or certified lead dust sampling technician no more than 24 months prior to the date a lease is entered into.

After performing a visual examination to determine whether the property is clear of visible conditions that can result in exposure to lead-based paint hazards including deteriorated paint, chips or debris and/or visible dust, the following wipe samples for settled dust shall be collected:

- One window sill sample and one floor sample from each bedroom in the property; and
- One window sill sample and one floor sample from the common room (for example a living room, family room, or kitchen) where any child aged six (6) and under who resides in the property spends the majority of his or her waking hours.

All samples, along with one blank (control) sample, should be collected by a lead risk assessor or certified lead dust sampling technician and sent to a certified laboratory pursuant to EPA regulations.

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