

# Paint Chip Sample Collection Guide

On the surface you suspect contains lead-based paint, locate an area where you can cut out an area approximately 1-2 square inches.

Score the outlined area with a razor knife or equivalent cutting tool.

Use the cutting tool to retrace the outline area.

Set up a paint chip sample collection tray by using a clean envelope or sheet of paper, you can tape the paper to the wall to help collect the sample (see below).



Using a cutting tool, begin removing the paint chip sample from the substrate.

Peel the paint chip sample from the substrate by sliding the blade along the score and underneath the paint chip sample.

If problems are encountered in removing the paint chip sample, use a scraping tool or other equivalent tool to aid in sample removal. Try to avoid cutting into the material underneath the paint.

Transfer the entire collected sample into a sealable container (plastic bag/bottle).

Dispose of paint chip sampling tray and clean all your tools.

Ensure all required documents and paint chip sample collection containers are labeled.

The lead test for is Test M3 in the AESL fee schedule

If results are  $>5000$  ppm, the paint is considered lead based.