

It's banned but not gone: Lead paint is still a danger.

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Tamara Rubin, her boys A.J., 5, and Avi, 2, were all exposed to lead when a contractor improperly removed lead paint from their former home. They were forced to move after the expense of lead abatement proved too much.

The contractor who renovated Rubin's old house in Portland, Ore., was not certified in lead paint removal. It cost too much to cut lead levels, so Rubin and her family moved.

AVOID RENOVATION HAZARDS

The EPA recommends that anyone renovating a home built before 1978 test their home for potential lead hazards. It warns against using belt sanders, propane torches, high-temperature heat guns, dry scrapers or dry sandpaper because they could create lead dust and fumes. Work areas should be sealed off completely. Once the renovation is complete, a clearance examination performed by a contractor is necessary to check for harmful levels of lead-contaminated dust.



Other resources

- Simple steps to protect your family
- Remodeling or renovating a home with lead-based paint



Tamara Rubin has been using this dietary supplement Nanocolloidal detox factor to try and help reduce the lead in her family's system.

