LEAD DUST in Imported Mini-Blinds

LEAD HAZARD

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE VINYL/PLASTIC MINI-BLINDS?

- Are the brackets that hold your blinds plastic?
- Do your blinds spring back when you bend them?
- Can light be seen through the blinds?

If you checked 1 or more boxes, you probably have vinyl blinds.

Vinyl blinds will either crack or spring back.
Metal blinds will stay bent. Check using a flashlight.
Light can be seen through vinyl blinds.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLIND REMOVAL

PREPARE

- Wear a pair of disposable gloves
- Mist blinds and window with water
- Clean rags, or paper towels, plastic trash bags, duct tape

CLEAN UP

- Wipe wet blinds with rag or paper towel.
- Slowly draw up blinds and remove blind from window bracket.
- Put blind in trash bag.
- Clean window area.
- Wash entire window area with an all-purpose cleaner.
- Place dirty rags or paper towels and gloves in the trash bag with blinds.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I am renting my home. What should I do?

If you are not sure about the blinds in your home, talk to your landlord.

I am going to buy new blinds. What should I get?

Blinds should be labeled as “No Lead Added” or “Non-Leaded Formula” or “Lead Free”.

For more information and resources, contact the NM Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
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