

Press Release



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LEAD MANAGEMENT PRACTISES/ASBESTOS AWARENESS

Master Painters Australia (MPA) the peak industry body representing the painting and decorating industry across Australia has for many years strongly supported the need for all painters to undertake safe work practises when removing lead based paint from all substrates.

It is very pleasing to the MPA to see that at last there is a stronger focus by contractors to undertake these safe work practises for their employees and consumers and the increase in accredited training for Apply Lead Paint & Asbestos Management (CPCCPD3011A) is happening in all states.

The MPA launched the Industry Standard for the Surface Coating Industry in 2007 and Lead Management and Sustainable Painting Practises feature in this standard.

The Lead Group* has a list of accredited contractors on their website or contact the Master Painters Australia office in your state.

There are a few areas of concerns that we still have and areas that need to be addressed by Governments and work place authorities such as:

- Painters still burning off (may not be covered by insurance) and is not a recommended procedure to remove lead based paint.
- Training being delivered in short courses (two to four hours) to unqualified painters.
- Needs to be a stronger focus on domestic premises and painters need to inform consumers on the possibility of lead being present.
- Federal, State and local Governments need to write in all contracts that lead removal must be undertaken by qualified contractors and to the appropriate Australian Standard 4361.2 Guide to Lead Paint Management Part 2: Residential and Commercial Buildings and all painting works to AS 2311 Painting of Buildings on government owned buildings.
- The introduction of National Licensing for painting contractors

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