

# Selecting a Lead Inspector

This checklist is provided to help property owners ensure that the lead inspector they hire is trained, qualified, and capable of providing services.



**New Hampshire**  
**Childhood Lead Poisoning**  
**Prevention Program**

## **Licensing**

Inspectors must be properly trained and they must be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services in order to perform lead inspections in New Hampshire. A license alone does not ensure the quality of work. The attached list of New Hampshire certified lead inspectors is provided for your convenience. You can call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-897-LEAD to verify license status or to check the inspector's violation status.

## **Scope of Work**

- Lead Inspectors can conduct lead inspections, conduct clearance inspections, and issue certificates of inspection.
- In NH, testing for the presence of lead in paint can be conducted in two ways. Inspectors can use either an x-ray fluorescence analyzer called an XRF, or they can collect paint chips to be analyzed by a laboratory.
- Ask the inspector to explain the inspection procedure. Be clear about what you expect and what your options are.
- If your inspection involves paint chip analysis or dust wipe samples, ask if the inspector will use an EPA approved laboratory.

## **Finding the Right Lead Inspector**

### **Questions to consider asking before hiring a lead inspector:**

- Which method do you use to test for lead (paint chip analysis or XRF)?
- How many jobs have you performed?
- Can you provide the name and contact information for the 3 most recent jobs completed?

### **Questions to ask prior clients:**

- Did the inspector complete all the agreed-upon tasks?
- Was he/she responsive by returning calls and submitting written reports in a timely manner?
- Was he/she on time and within the agreed-upon budget?
- Would you recommend this inspector to others?

**Consider getting at least 3 estimates before making your selection.**



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**1-800-897-LEAD (5323)**

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