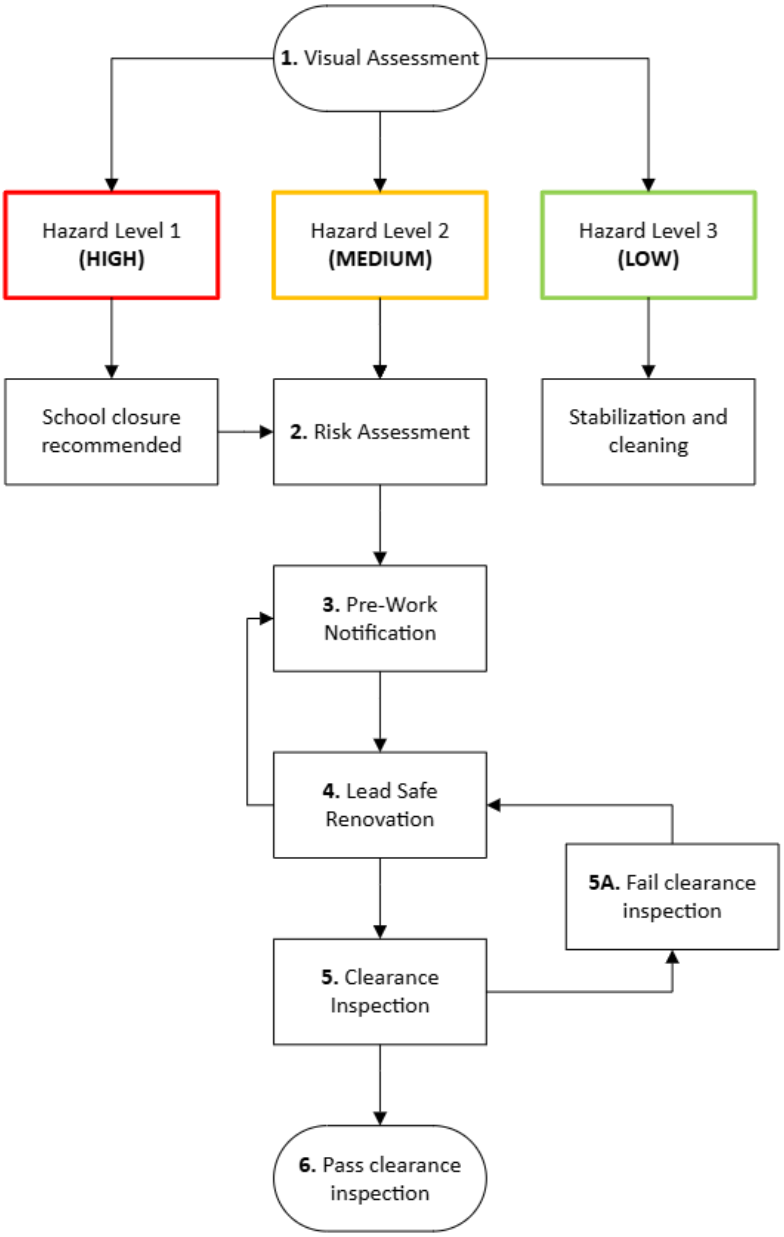
Lead Investigation Overview: 6 Steps to Lead Safe Schools

This document explains how lead hazards are identified, addressed, and monitored, so you can stay informed about the process and what it means for your child's school. If a lead hazard is found, MHD and MPS work together make sure the necessary safety measures are taken.



STEP 1: Visual Assessment
A visual assessment is conducted by certified Lead Risk Assessors to determine the level of lead hazards. Visible lead hazards may include dust or paint that is peeling or chipping. If the Visual Assessment identifies hazards as "Low" or "Medium," proceed directly to renovation or abatement (Step 4). If hazards are classified or "High," or when MHD is investigating a suspected case of lead poisoning, the next step is a full Risk Assessment (Step 2).

- **File: [School] Visual Inspection Report**

STEP 2: Risk Assessment
A Risk Assessment is a more detailed investigation of lead hazards, involving x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis and laboratory testing of paint, dust, soil, and water samples. All risk assessments follow the requirements in state statute DHS 163(14)9.

- **File: [School] Lead Risk Assessment**

STEP 3: Pre-Work Notifications
Before beginning renovation in any school with students under 6 years of age (or otherwise classified as "child occupied facility" per DHS 163.03(13)), MPS must notify:

1. **Families.** No more than sixty days before starting work, MPS must notify families of planned renovation activity and where it is taking place. MPS must also provide families with a copy of the federal pamphlet The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right.
2. **State and city health authorities.** At least two working days prior to beginning any renovation work, MPS must notify both DHS and MHD by email.

STEP 4: Lead Safe Renovation
Certified Lead Safe Renovators will remove lead-based paint and other hazards following strict safety procedures to protect students and staff in accordance with DHS orders and DHS 163. Lead-safe work requirements include containing the work area, minimizing dust generation, and HEPA filtration and cleanup.

- To report lead safe work concerns, contact DHS at **608-267-9191** or email DHSLeadSafe@dhs.wisconsin.gov

STEP 5: Clearance Inspection
After abatement or renovation, a lead clearance inspection is performed following the requirements in state statute DHS 163.14(5)(c). A clearance includes dust wipe sampling and surface testing to ensure lead levels are within safe limits. If the school fails clearance, additional cleaning is required before re-testing can occur.

- **File: [School] Interim Lead Clearance Report**

STEP 6: Clearance Achieved
A school is considered lead safe at the time clearance is achieved. MPS should follow actions detailed in the Lead Action Plan to prevent future hazards.

- **File: Clearance Letter to [School] Families**