Some imported plastic/vinyl mini-blinds that were made before 1997 can be a lead hazard, and many of these blinds are still found in homes. Lead dust has been found in these blinds. Over time, with the sunlight and heat, these mini-blinds can release more lead dust.

Because of the danger of lead dust, it is recommended that imported mini-blinds made before 1997 be removed from the home.

### 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**

- Clean rags, or paper towels, plastic trash bags, duct tape
- Wear a pair of disposable gloves

**Mist blinds and window with water**

**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 NV Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Visit [www.nvclppp.org](http://www.nvclppp.org) or call

- Northern Nevada: 775-884-0392
- Southern Nevada: 702-895-1040

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