Lead contaminated dust is likely to be present in carpets (and underlays) even if the carpet appears to be in good condition. If carpet removal is not carried out carefully, other areas of the home such as children’s play areas, bedrooms or living areas can easily become contaminated with lead dust. Whether you are removing carpet yourself, or you choose to use professional carpet layers/removalists, there are a number of things you will need to do to plan and prepare your home for carpet removal.

Also remember:

- Ensure you have the right equipment ready
- Have an area cleared, or trailer ready, to dispose of carpet as soon as possible
- Seal adjoining doors to prevent contamination of other rooms
- Remove coveralls and shoes covers before leaving the work area
- Keep doors of room being recarpeted closed when possible
- Wait 3 hours after carpet removal to begin clean up to allow dust to settle
- Do use a vacuum with a High Efficiency Particulate Air filter

DON’T:

- Reuse, sell or giveaway carpets. Carpets should be disposed of at the local waste transfer station/dump
- Don’t smoke, eat or drink near the work area and wash hands before doing any of these activities