

Appendix F

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- **The Washington State Department of Health reports that a small percentage of children who are tested for lead are found to have elevated lead levels**
 - From 1993 to 2003, 6,085 children statewide were tested for lead; 153 children or 2.5% of those tested, had elevated lead levels
 - In 2003, 953 children statewide were tested for lead; 11 children or 1.15% of those tested in 2003, had elevated lead levels

- **Housing Stock**
 - About 50% of the housing stock in all of King County was built prior to 1970 and may contain lead paint.
 - The Consortium generally has newer housing stock than the housing stock in the City of Seattle; therefore, in the Consortium about 36% of the housing stock was built prior to 1970 and may contain lead paint.
 - The Consortium estimates that about 25% of the housing stock that may contain lead paint is occupied by low- to moderate-income households (about 9% of all the housing stock in the Consortium).

- **Consortium Actions to Reduce Lead Paint Hazards**
 - King County has participated on a statewide lead task force that was responsible for developing Washington State Lead-Based Paint Legislation. The legislation was signed by the governor and effective as of June 10, 2004. The legislation created Washington State eligibility for federal lead hazard reduction funds.
 - King County participates in a Western Washington networking group that discusses home repair issues, including lead hazards and lead legislation.
 - The King County Housing Finance Program, which administers the capital contracts for affordable rental and ownership housing projects for the Consortium, requires all projects to comply with lead paint requirements.
 - The King County Housing Repair Program, which coordinates the Consortium's home repair programs for existing ownership housing of low- to moderate-income households conducts lead hazard reduction work in-house.

Three (3) staff persons are currently EPA-certified and soon to be Washington State-certified risk assessors; they conduct paint inspections and risk assessments of each home that is eligible for the program. If lead hazard reduction is required for a given home repair project, the hazard reduction work is incorporated into the scope of the rehabilitation work to be done on the home. Housing Repair staff monitor the lead hazard reduction work and perform “clearance” inspections when required.