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Department of Education  
Region VII, Central Visayas  
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS – TAGBILARAN  
City of Tagbilaran



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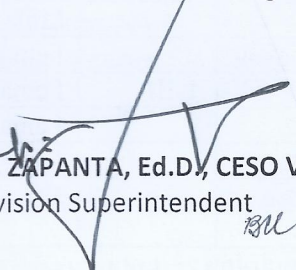
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 001 s. 2017

**MANDATORY USE OF LEAD-SAFE PAINTS IN SCHOOLS**

TO: All Division Chiefs, Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisor  
Public and Private School Administrators  
Principals of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
And All Others Concerned

1. DepEd Tagbilaran City Schools Division, Tagbilaran City, Bohol is announcing the **mandatory use of lead-safe coatings or paints in schools** in compliance to Regional Memorandum No. 0096 s. 2017 dated February 20, 2017 for your information and guidance pursuant to DepEd Order No. 4, s. 2017.
2. For more updates please read enclosures.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is highly needed.

  
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Schools Division Superintendent



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 0096, s. 2017

**Mandatory Use of Lead-Safe Paints in Schools**

**TO: All Schools Division Superintendents/OICs**  
**All Others Concerned**

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is DepEd Order No. 4, s. 2017, regarding the Mandatory Use of Lead-Safe Paints in Schools.
2. Pursuant to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (AO) 2013-24 or the *Chemical Control Order (CCO) for Lead and Lead Compounds*, and Commission on Human Rights (CHR) *The People's Right to Chemical Safety: A Fifteen-Point Human Rights Agenda* and to strengthen DepEd Memorandum No. 85, s. 2016 entitled *Use of Lead-Free Paint in Schools*, **use of only lead-safe coatings or paints shall be mandatory to all pre-school, elementary and secondary schools.**
3. Attention is invited to paragraph 2,3, and 4 of the said order, relative to the posed risk of Lead chemical, and the mandatory use of independently certified lead-safe paints/coatings to all painting and/or repainting works of school facilities, furniture and fixtures, learning materials, tools and equipment.
4. A copy of the said DepEd Order is herewith attached for further reference.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

  
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DepEd ORDER  
No. **4**, s. 2017

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### MANDATORY USE OF LEAD-SAFE PAINTS IN SCHOOLS

To: Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (AO) 2013-24 or the *Chemical Control Order (CCO) for Lead and Lead Compounds*, and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) *The People's Right to Chemical Safety: A Fifteen-Point Human Rights Agenda* and to strengthen DepEd Memorandum No. 85, s. 2016 entitled *Use of Lead-Free Paint in Schools*, **use of only lead-safe coatings or paints shall be mandatory to all pre-school, elementary and secondary schools** in anticipation of the phase-out deadline for lead-added architectural, decorative and household paints by **January 1, 2017**.
2. Lead is one of the identified toxic and regulated chemicals that pose hazards and risks to human health and the environment from use, management, disposal and subsequent releases of their wastes and exposure. DENR AO 2013-24 establishes 90 parts per million (ppm) as threshold limit for lead in paint used as pigment, drying agent or for some intentional use.
3. Use of lead-safe paints shall reduce children's exposure to toxic lead via lead-containing paint and dust, thus, avoiding health impacts including learning disabilities, anemia and disorders in coordination, visual, spatial, and language skills.
4. In line with this, the use of independently certified lead-safe paints/coatings shall be mandatory to all painting and/or repainting works of:
  - a. School facilities;
    - i. Building such as classrooms, toilets, library, clinic, offices
    - ii. Amenities such as playground, covered court, and the like
    - iii. Other structures such as gate, fence, and the like
  - b. Furniture such as tables, chairs and cabinets;
  - c. Fixtures such as blackboards;
  - d. Learning materials such as teaching aids, school supplies, and toys; and
  - e. Tools and equipment.
5. In case of renovation of school buildings and other facilities and restoration of school furniture and fixtures, the guidelines set by the Philippine Association of Paint Manufacturers (PAPM) shall be strictly observed for proper removal and disposal of lead paints to prevent the generation and dispersal of lead-containing dust that children may ingest or inhale. The guidelines of PAPM can be accessed through: <http://papmpaints.org/news.html>.

6. This Order shall also apply to paint-coated goods or products (furniture, fixtures, learning materials, tools and equipment) directly procured by the school as well as those sourced by other means such as through individual, group, corporate or local government donations.
7. All products donated or sold to schools such as, but not limited to, paints, bags, school supplies and furnishings by commercial and non-commercial establishments, as well as concerned individuals, shall also be in compliance with the DENR AO 2013-24 and other relevant lead-related regulations.
8. The following offices shall be responsible for the implementation of this Order:
  - a. Education Facilities Division–DepEd Central Office;
  - b. Education Support Service Division (ESSD) Education Facilities Section–Regional Offices; and
  - c. School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)–Education Facilities Section–Schools Division Offices.
9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum (No. 85, s. 2016)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
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