

Ohio Senators,
Lead Swipe Fallacy

People with any business acumen know that if they take funds away from one project and allocate it to another, they no longer have the means to accomplish the original project. Some call it robbing Peter to pay Paul.

I personally know Housing Providers who have spent thousands of dollars on projects that assure safe, affordable housing, not because there is some mandate, but because it is the right thing to do, and this action repeats itself over and over.

Now let's add in another dimension; the expensive but well-intentioned Lead Paint Swipe Test. It helps our City of Toledo Council members fight the occasional but tragic occurrence of lead poisoning. Or does it?

If we are humble enough to listen to our Lead Experts, we will find that the resulting reliability period of the swipe test is mere minutes, (perhaps 60) and yet a 3 year to 6 year reliability is being assigned through the 3 to 6 year Lead Safe Designation. Am I missing something here? Logic?

Because the cost of the mandated swipe testing can be over \$1000.00, a viable \$1000.00 project that would have eliminated a source of lead poisoning was set aside, and now will not happen.

With mandated Lead Paint Swipe Testing, and a 3 to 6 year Lead Safe designation, the end result is a 3 to 6 year Lead Safe deception.

Who will take responsibility for any cases of Lead Poisoning, caused by long term Swipe Test misinformation? And who will take responsibility for Lead poisoning caused by the elimination of projects that reduce lead poisoning but are set aside because of the high cost of testing?

Ohio Taxpayers deserve better than this.