

ENAMEL, ACRYLIC OR LEAD PAINT?

How do I know if the paint on my walls is enamel or acrylic?

Pour some methylated spirits onto a rag and rub onto a small section of the wall. The metho will not be able to lift enamel paint, but will clean away acrylic.

How do I know if there is lead in the existing paint?

Lead has not been used in paint for a long time, so you're paint would need to be pretty old. Lead is very dangerous to your health and you should not sand or scrape the paint until you get specialist advice.

The NSW Government has a web site named Living Safely With Lead which contains some useful information, find it at <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au>