



Ohio Revised Code Section 3742.35 Investigations.

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When the director of health or a board of health authorized to enforce sections 3742.35 to 3742.40 of the Revised Code becomes aware that an individual under six years of age has lead poisoning, the director or board shall conduct an investigation to determine the source of the lead poisoning. The director or board may conduct such an investigation when the director or board becomes aware that an individual six years of age or older has lead poisoning. The director or board shall conduct the investigation in accordance with rules adopted under section 3742.50 of the Revised Code.

In conducting the investigation, the director or board may request permission to enter the residential unit, child care facility, or school that the director or board reasonably suspects to be the source of the lead poisoning. If the property is occupied, the director or board shall ask the occupant for permission. If the property is not occupied, the director or board shall ask the property owner or manager for permission. If the occupant, owner, or manager fails or refuses to permit entry, the director or board may petition and obtain an order to enter the property from a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the property is located.

As part of the investigation, the director or board may review the records and reports, if any, maintained by a lead inspector, lead abatement contractor, lead risk assessor, lead abatement project designer, lead abatement worker, or clearance technician.
