

# Skill Set #5

## Skill Set #5: Establish Exterior Containment

### Skills Practice:

**Step 1:** At each non-entry doorway leading into the work area, place an orange cone, barrier tape, and a “Do Not Enter” sign.\*

**Step 2:** Close all doors and windows within 20 feet of the work area.\*

**Step 3:** Place plastic sheeting as ground cover a minimum of 10 feet in all directions from the actual location of a paint disturbance.\*

**Step 4:** Weigh down the edges of the plastic sheeting with 2x4s or bricks or stake down the edges of the plastic sheeting.\*

**Step 5:** Secure the plastic sheeting to the floor and walls with tape or furring strips and tacks.\*

**Step 6:** Place barrier fencing or a rope around the perimeter of the work area 20 feet from the work area and on all exposed sides.\*

**Step 7:** Establish an entry point to the work area and place a “Do Not Enter, No Food or Drinks or Smoking Allowed” sign.\*

**Step 8:** Curb the edges of the plastic sheeting to prevent dust from blowing off.\* Curbs can be made by running a low rope near the ground and draping the plastic sheeting over the top of the rope. The rope should be only a few inches above the ground. A staked 2x4 may also be used to raise the edges of the plastic sheeting instead of the rope method.

**Step 9:** Stage all of the tools, supplies, and equipment you will need to conduct the renovation, repair, or painting work on the plastic sheeting in the work area to avoid contaminating the work area.\*

**Step 10:** Place a disposable tack pad at the corner of the plastic sheeting nearest the entry door to control tracking dust off of the plastic sheeting.\*

*\*Indicates required skills that must be accomplished for a “Proficient” rating.*

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