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Dear Recent Homebuyer,

Thank you for completing the Homebuyer Survey online. Researchers from your state and county, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and SciMetrika are sending out a survey to people who have recently purchased single-family homes. The study will allow us to learn more about the understanding and practices of recent homebuyers in relation to radon and lead, substances found in some homes that can be harmful to your health. As someone identified through tax records as having purchased a home in the last 12 months, we would like to get your input about your experiences in regard to these substances and the laws that involve them during your recent home buying process. We are distributing this survey to 3,000 recent single-family homebuyers in four states. Please note the following:

*We are asking the homebuyer to fill out this survey. If you are renting this home please send this to the person who recently purchased this home.
*Once we receive the survey your online response we will send you a \$5 gift card

Thank you again for your participation.

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Authority: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form under the authority of the Public Health Service Act, Section 301,361 (42 U.S.C. 241,264).

Purpose and Uses: The information requested will be used to better understand the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of recent homebuyers and real estate agents in regard to radon and lead in single-family homes.

Effects of Non-Disclosures: Your disclosure of the requested information is voluntary, and no penalty will be imposed if you choose not to respond. However, if you do not fill out the questionnaire, it will be more difficult for us to determine what people understand about radon and lead in the home environment.

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PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE PERSON WHO PURCHASED YOUR HOME IS THE ONE WHO COMPLETES THIS SURVEY.

The following section asks questions about this home you bought in the last 12 months.

1. State the home was purchased in:

County the home was purchased in:

ZIP code the home was purchased in (enter 5-digit ZIP code):

2. Month this home was bought:

Year this home was bought:

3. Year this home was built:

4. Were you the first owner of this home? (i.e., Was it newly built?)

Yes

No

5. Did the sale of this home involve special paperwork related to a homeowners association?

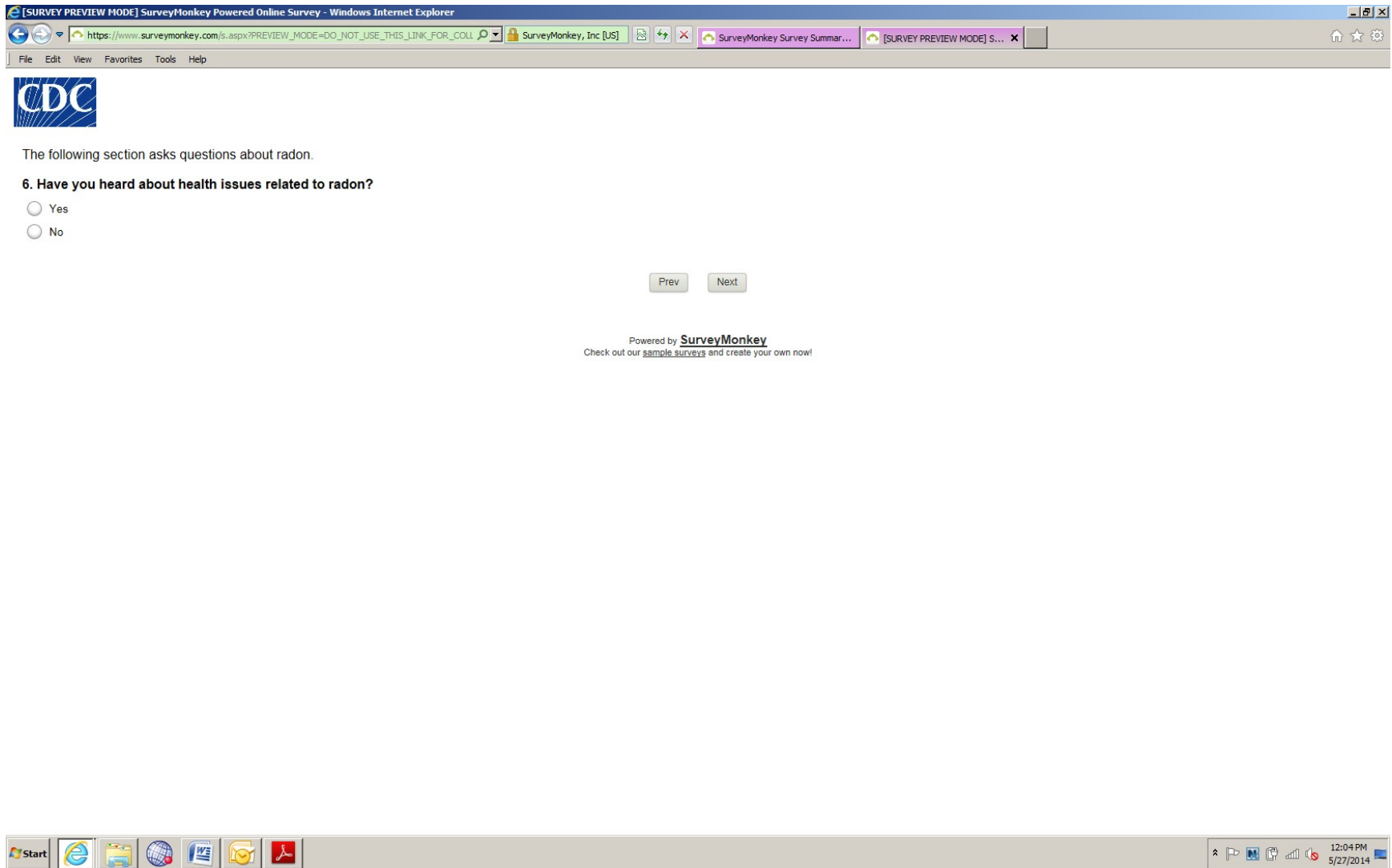
Yes

No

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Note survey logic: If they answer “Yes” to Question 5, they are not eligible to complete the survey. They are directed to a screen that says, “We are sorry, you are not eligible to complete the survey. Thank you for your time,” and they exit the survey.



Note survey logic: If they answer “No” to Question 6, they skip to Question 7.



6a. Please select all the sources of your information about radon as a health issue. (Select all that apply.)

- Television or web advertisement
- Brochure
- Family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker
- Real estate agent
- Home inspector
- Contractor who works on home repair or remodeling
- Professional radon testing company
- Other (please specify)

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7. Did your understanding of the health issues related to radon affect your decisions at any point during the home buying process? (For example, did you consider radon issues when looking for and deciding on which home to buy?)

- Yes, part of my reason in choosing this house was that it had been tested for radon and it was below the action level.
- Yes, I wanted to know the radon level but was not sure what to do about it.
- No, I knew about radon but did not believe it was a health concern.
- No, I was not familiar with the health issues related to radon and did not consider it during the home buying process.

7a. Please tell us more about how it affected your decisions.


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8. Did any real estate agent discuss radon with you during the homebuying experience that led to the purchase of this home?

Yes
 No
 Not Sure

9. Did you or the sellers have to sign any paperwork during the negotiation or closing to indicate specifically whether the home was tested for radon?

Yes
 No
 Not Sure

10. Did you receive any brochures about radon during the home inspection or closing?

Yes
 No
 Not Sure

11. Has the home you bought been tested for radon since you became interested in purchasing this home?

Yes
 No
 Not Sure

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Note survey logic: If they answer “No” or “Not Sure” to Question 11, they skip to Question 12.

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11a. Who was the first to recommend testing for radon?

- The sellers tested before I/we became interested
- Myself, a family member, or friend
- A home inspector
- A radon professional other than a home inspector
- Other (please specify)

11b. If it was elevated (> 4 pCi/L), was it fixed?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- Not Applicable

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Note survey logic: If they answer “No,” “Not Sure,” or “Not Applicable” to Question 11b, they skip to Question 12.

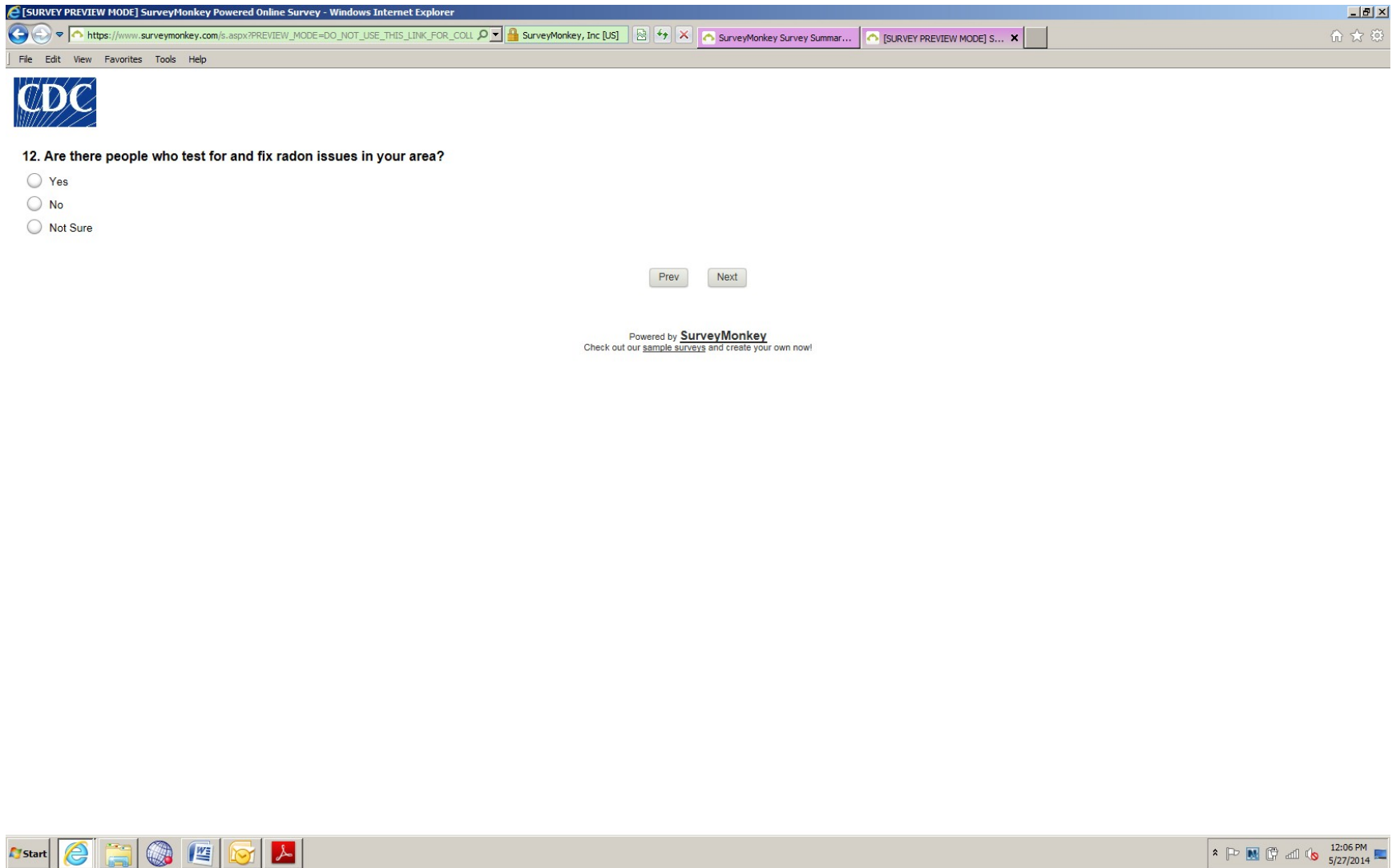


11bi. Who fixed it?

- Seller
- Myself, a family member, or friend
- A home inspector
- A radon professional who was not a home inspector for the home you bought
- Other (please specify)

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Note survey logic: If they answer “No” or “Not Sure” to Question 12, they skip to Question 13.



12a. Radon professionals can be certified by an exam to test for and fix radon issues, but it depends on state law. Do you know if the radon professionals in your area are certified by the state or a national organization?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- Not Applicable

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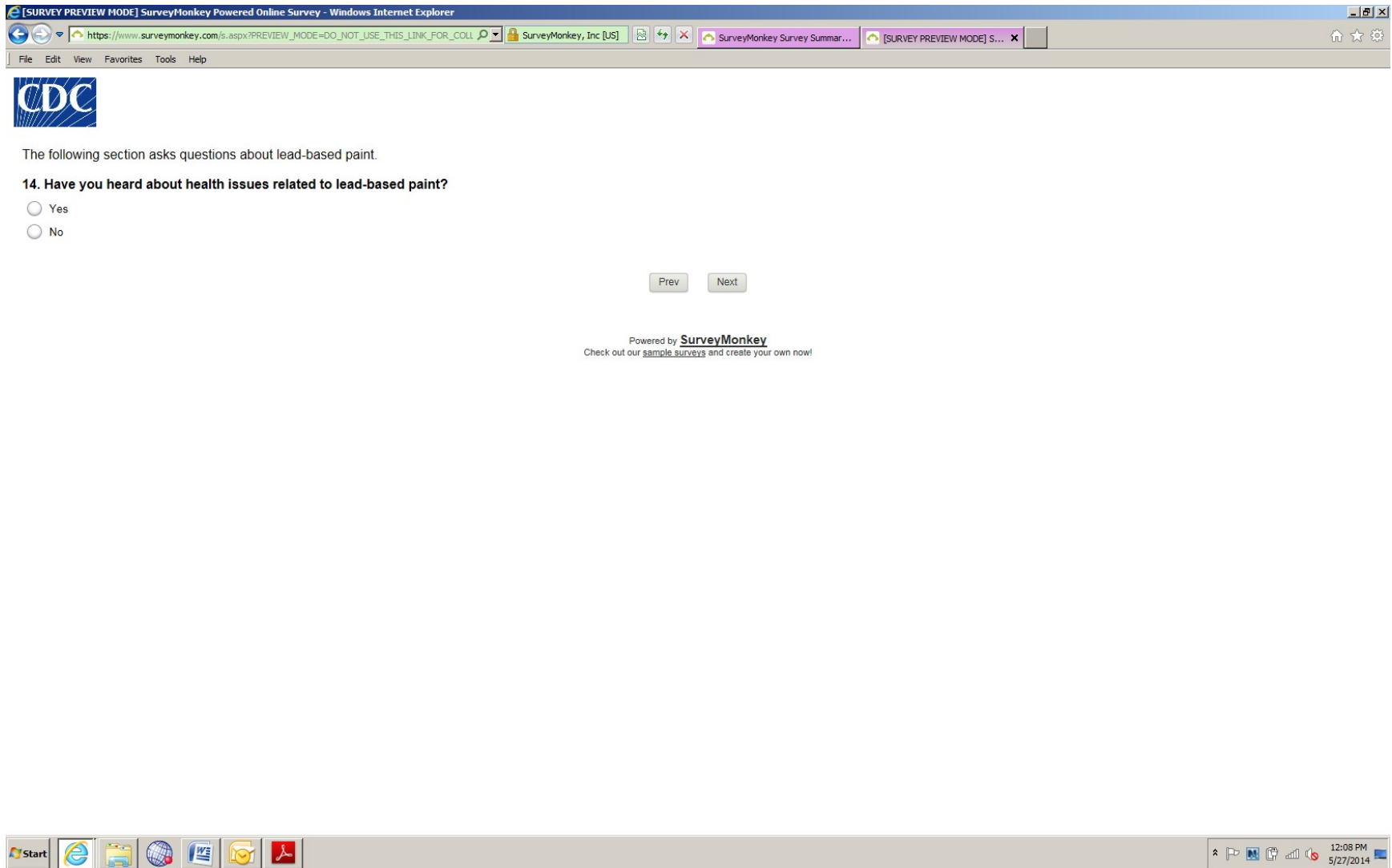


13. Assume you needed someone to test for or fix a radon problem in the home you bought. Please rank the factors that you would consider in choosing them, with 1 being the most important criteria and 4 being the least important.

<input type="checkbox"/> Distance from this home
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred from a source or person I trust
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified by a state or national organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior experience fixing radon problems

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Note survey logic: If they answer “No” or “Not Sure” to Question 14, they skip to Question 15.



14a. Please select all the sources of your information about lead as a health issue. (Select all that apply.)

- Television or web advertisement
- Brochure
- Family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker
- Real estate agent
- Home inspector
- Contractor who works on home repair or remodeling
- Professional lead testing company
- Other (please specify)

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15. Did your understanding of the health issues related to lead-based paint affect your decisions at any point during the home buying process? (For example, did you consider lead-based paint issues when looking for and deciding on which home to buy?)

- Yes, I did not want to buy a home that had lead-based paint
- Yes, I wanted a home that had paint that was in good repair to decrease my risk of lead exposure
- Yes, I bought a house that was built after 1978 because that is when lead-based paint was discontinued
- No, I know about lead-based paint but do not think it is a health concern
- No, I was not familiar with the health issues related to lead-based paint

15a. Please tell us more about how it affected your decisions.


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16. Did any real estate agent discuss lead-based paint with you during the home buying experience that led to the purchase of this home?

Yes

No

Not Sure

17. Has the home you bought been tested for lead-based paint?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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Note survey logic: If they answer “No” or “Not Sure” to Question 17, they skip to Question 18.



17a. Who was the first to recommend testing for lead-based paint?

- The sellers tested before I/we became interested
- Myself, a family member, or friend
- A home inspector
- A lead-based paint professional other than a home inspector
- Other (please specify)

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18. Did you or the sellers have to sign any paperwork during the closing to indicate specifically whether lead-based paint was present?

Yes

No

Not Sure

19. Did you receive any brochures about lead-based paint during the negotiation or closing?

Yes

No

Not Sure

20. Are contractors who work on lead-based paint available in your area?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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Note survey logic: If they answer “No” or “Not Sure” to Question 20, they skip to Question 21.



20a. Contractors should be certified to work on homes that have lead-based paint. Do you know if the contracts who work on lead paint in your area are certified by the state or a national organization?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

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21. Assume you needed a contractor to fix a lead-based paint problem in the home you just bought. Please rank the factors that you would consider in choosing them, with 1 being the most important criteria and 4 being the least important.

<input type="checkbox"/> Distance from this home
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred from a source or person I trust
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified by a state or national organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior experience in fixing lead problems

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The following section asks questions about the homebuyer.

If the home was purchased jointly, please select the homebuyer with the most experience in this process to answer the following questions.

22. Age (in years) of person (at the time of purchase) who bought this home.

23. How many total homes have YOU bought in your lifetime? (including this one)

24. Sex

- Male
- Female

26. Please select the group that represents your ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino
- Prefer not answer

25. Please describe your race (select ALL THAT APPLY)

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Prefer not answer

27. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

- Never attended school or only attended kindergarten
- Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary)
- Grades 9 through 11 (Some high school)
- Grade 12 or GED (High school graduate)
- College 1 year to 3 years (Some college or technical school)
- College 4 years or more (College graduate)
- Prefer not answer

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Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is helpful and important.

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