

LEAD POISONING: How To Protect Your Family

A Guide for Tenants

When lead gets into the body, it poisons and harms people. Even a small amount of lead dust can cause learning disabilities, behavior problems, hearing or speech problems, and lower intelligence. Children under age six are at highest risk.

What are my rights as a tenant?

- Your landlord should provide a brochure, "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home"
- You have a right to request and review any lead testing and disclosure reports for the property
- If lead is found, request that the landlord clean it up properly
- Your landlord should hire only EPA-certified contractors to do work on your home or building

How can I protect my family in an older home?

- Ask your doctor about a lead test for your child
- Don't eat anything that has fallen on the floor
- Wipe floors, windowsills, and tables with wet cloths
- Wipe down toys often and wash bottles and pacifiers
- Don't let your kids play in areas where there may be old paint
- Keep checking painted windows, doors and floors for peeling or chipping paint

Lead can be found in homes built before 1978. Look for:

- Peeling or chipping paint
- Dust on windowsills and doorways
- Tap water from lead piping
- Painted toys and old painted furniture



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