

# Your Rights & Duties as a Tenant:

## Lead-Based Paint Hazards



### **Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint.**

Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, lessors must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Leasees must also receive a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

### **The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires that before signing a lease for housing built before 1978, renters must receive:**

1. A federally approved pamphlet on identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards.
2. All known information about lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards in the home or building. For multi-unit buildings, this requirement includes records and reports concerning common areas and other units when such information was obtained as the result of a building-wide evaluation.
3. An attachment to the lease, or language inserted in the lease, that includes a "Lead Warning Statement" and confirms that the landlord has complied with all notification requirements.

**If you are worried about lead paint, ask your landlord to get a lead hazard inspection from a certified inspector before you sign your lease.**

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