

Your Child Could Be at Risk for Lead Poisoning if They:

- Live in or regularly visit a house built before 1978. This includes a day care center, preschool or home of a babysitter or relative
- Live in or visit a house that has peeling, chipping, dusting or chalking paint
- Live in or visit a house built before 1978 with recent, ongoing or planned renovation or remodeling
- Have a sibling or playmate that has or did have lead poisoning
- Frequently come in contact with an adult who has a hobby or works with lead. Examples are construction, manufacturing, welding, pottery, painting and casting ammunition

What should I do if I suspect my child has lead poisoning?

If you suspect your child has lead poisoning your first step should be to talk to your doctor get them tested for lead. You can do this by making an appointment with your child's Primary Care Provider. Toledo-Lucas County Health Department also offers free lead screening for children 6 years of age or younger. You can schedule an appointment by calling (419) 213-4100.

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department provides educational material on lead information on its website.

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Tenant Guide

Toledo Lead Safe Ordinance



The City of Toledo Lead Ordinance

In efforts to prevent lead poisoning, the City of Toledo is requiring that any rental properties (4 units or less) and in-home daycares constructed prior to 1978 be registered with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and obtain a Lead-Safe Certification by September 17, 2017.

What does this mean for me?

If you are renting a house or run an in-home daycare that was constructed prior to 1978, your landlord needs to get the home inspected and registered through with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

We encourage your landlord to work with a Registered Local Lead Inspector to prepare the unit for inspection. The unit should be free of deteriorating paint and there should be no bare soil on the dripline (a three foot area surrounding the exterior of the unit). Although it may be easiest for the unit to be vacant at the time of inspection, it is not necessary that current tenants be evicted.

You can help your landlord by being as compliant as possible in consistency with the ordinance requirements. This might mean keeping the unit clean and allowing the landlord and inspectors into the unit to prepare it for inspection.

This ordinance does not change existing Ohio law including ORC Section 5321.05 which states that the tenant cannot unreasonably withhold consent for the landlord to enter into the dwelling unit in order to inspect the premises and have the unit repaired.

What should I expect from a Lead Inspection?

The entire area of the unit will be visually inspected to ensure that no chipping, cracking or peeling paint is present. If attics or basements that are directly assessable from within the unit are "locked off," they must be made accessible for the visual inspection, however the basement and attic areas will not be wipe tested unless utilized as a dwelling space. Dust wipe samples may be taken on window sills, window wells, and floors at the discretion of the inspector.

You should temporarily remove animals from the dwelling, prior to "touch-up" cleaning and during the inspection, as they may carry lead dust on their feet or fur and otherwise impact the inspector's ability to perform the test.

Prospective Tenants

According to the ordinance landlords must give prospective tenants of buildings built before 1978:

- (1) An EPA-approved information pamphlet on identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards
- (2) Any known information concerning lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards pertaining to the building
- (3) For multi-unit buildings, landlords must provide records and reports concerning common areas and other units in the building
- (4) A lead disclosure attachment to the lease, or language inserted in the lease, that includes a "Lead Warning Statement" and confirms that you have complied with all notification requirements

How to Protect Your Family

It is important that tenants take responsibility to protect themselves and their families from lead exposure. Tenants should take the following precautions to protect their family:

(1) Notify the landlord of peeling or chipping paint. If the landlord fails to address the problem, contact the Toledo Lucas county Health Department.

(2) Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. Never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.

(3) Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.

(4) Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas, and again afterward.

(5) Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.

HEPA vacuums are helpful because they differ from a conventional vacuum by being capable of trapping extremely small particles.

More information about protecting your family from lead exposure is available for print on the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's website.