

LEAD PAINT: HOW TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS IT IN YOUR HOME

If you have been or suspect that you have been exposed to lead paint in your rental unit, you have options and should take action immediately. The first step should be notifying your landlord.

How to reduce lead paint exposure:

IMMEDIATE STEPS

- If you see peeling paint or other signs of possible lead paint exposure, notify your landlord ASAP and request a repair. Keep records of your attempts to notify your landlord.
- Clean up paint chips and regularly clean floors, window frames and other painted surfaces.
- Wash children's hands and toys often.
- Clean or remove shoes in home to avoid tracking in lead from the soil.

FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR LANDLORD

Landlords have a duty to inform you of lead paint and have a duty to repair under these rules:

- Illinois and federal law require that landlords of homes built before 1978 MUST provide tenants with general information about the risks of lead exposure.
- Federal law requires that before you move in a landlord must communicate to you in writing any knowledge of lead in your building.

WHAT IF MY LANDLORD DOESN'T DO ANYTHING AFTER REQUESTING A REPAIR AND MULTIPLE DOCUMENTED ATTEMPTS TO INFORM THEM?

- Contact your county health department to request an inspection and lead paint test. If applicable, a report will be made.
- An addition, you may contact PSLs to apply for legal help. PSLs may ask you for a copy of the health department's report in order to evaluate your case.



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