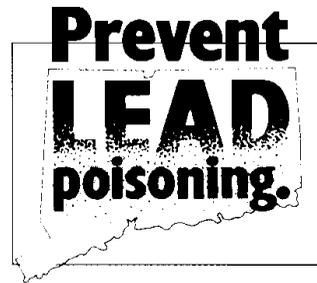


Additional Resources:

- Hartford Regional Lead Treatment Center: (860) 714-4792
- Yale/New Haven Regional Lead Treatment Center: (203) 764-9113



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A Landlord's Guide
 for the
 Interim Control
 Of
 Lead Hazards in Housing

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The directions found in this pamphlet are only for the temporary control of lead paint and lead paint hazards. These steps are not meant as an alternative to the abatement, or management of lead hazards in and around your property.

If you have any questions after reading this pamphlet, please call your local health department at:

or

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Landlord:

A child living in your apartments is lead poisoned. Lead poisoning usually occurs when children put dust in their mouths that has lead in it. Children also eat chips of lead paint. The lead may come from household lead paint and dust or from bare soil in the yard. Your local health department will try to find where the lead paint and other lead hazards are found in and around your property. With this information, they can help you determine whether the lead hazards should be abated (removed) and/or managed in place. You will have to do this soon, so the child will no longer be at risk.

Interim Controls:

Before abatement is done, there are some simple steps you can take to protect that child. These short-term, low-cost actions are called **interim controls** – they are not permanent, but they will protect the child for a short period of time so that the child's lead poisoning will not get worse. Abatement or management of lead hazards in and around your property **MUST** occur.

**** You should not disturb any lead paint!** Removing or disturbing lead paint without the approval of your local health department is **NOT PERMITTED!**

LANDLORD: What You Can Do Before Abatement Begins

For Chipping Paint and Lead Dust Inside the Property:

1. To clean up any lead dust, follow the instructions in the booklet, "**Guidelines to Reduce Lead Dust in Homes and Apartments.**"



2. Cover windowsills with contact paper so that the child can't get to loose paint on them.

3. If windows have flaking or peeling paint, ask the tenants to keep those windows closed until they are fixed. Have them use other windows instead.

4. Attach felt stops (felt pads) to drawers or cabinets that are painted with lead paint to reduce impact damage.

5. Do not dry broom or brush to clean up paint chips and flakes!! Use a tack cloth to pick up any paint chips from floors, or from other flat surfaces.



6. Use tacky tape to remove loose, flaking lead paint, if only a small area is flaking (less than 1 square foot).

7. Repair small holes in walls and doors with spackle and/or caulking.

8. You must tell the parents or guardian of the lead poisoned child exactly where lead paint and other lead hazards are located in and around the apartment building.



9. If lead paint is found, the health department will give you warning signs to post on main entrances. These signs warn building occupants about lead paint on the property.

10. Before abatement begins, make sure you fix any water leaks that can cause more paint damage (radiators, faucets, roof, etc.).



11. You will need to quickly abate and/or manage the lead paint and lead paint hazards on your property. If you need any help, ask your local health department. They are prepared to help you.

For Lead Paint and Lead Paint Hazards Outside:

1. Place a doormat outside of the main entrance to the apartment.

2. Surround bare soil areas in the yard with a barrier; for instance plant stakes and twine.

3. Move swing sets or other children's play equipment to a part of the yard where there is no bare soil



What Your Tenants Should Do Before Abatement Begins

Your tenants have a lead poisoned child who must be closely watched and cared for. To successfully reduce lead paint hazards in and around the apartment, all of you must work together. There are also some low-cost, low-risk actions that tenants can do until you begin abatement activities.

Parents of a Lead Poisoned Child Can:

1. Rearrange their furniture so that it blocks deteriorated paint or lead paint on surfaces where their child may be mouthing.

2. Tell people who watch their child (such as baby-sitters or relatives) about their child's lead poisoning, and where lead hazards are found in the apartment so the child won't get to them.

3. Place doormats inside their apartment.

4. Take their shoes off before entering the apartment. It will prevent them from tracking lead dust inside by mistake.

5. Move their child's play toys to an area in the yard where there is no bare soil.

6. Move their child's play equipment and toys off of the porch, if the porch has lead paint.

7. Wash their child's play equipment and toys before allowing the child to play with them.

8. Keep their pet on a leash and out of bare soil areas in the yard.