

## HOW TO APPLY for White Rock Views Apartments

2114 -2122 Tucker St. Dallas, TX 75214

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Phone/Text – 214-308-2200

Apply Online at [www.WhiteRockViews.com](http://www.WhiteRockViews.com)

We will provide an application to everyone who requests one. Review our criteria for rental, and if you feel you qualify, please apply. If you have any questions, please contact our Property at 214-308-2200 or via email to [apply@whiterockviews.com](mailto:apply@whiterockviews.com).

**DOWNLOAD ALL FORMS:** A copy of all forms to apply are online at [WhiteRockViews.com](http://WhiteRockViews.com).

**TAR** [Texas Association of Realtors®] **APPLICATION:** Each person residing in the Property whose age is 18 or older.

**PHOTO IDENTIFICATION:** If an applicant(s) is not a US Citizen, include photo-quality copies of each applicant's current US Visa.

- Download all of the required forms located in the website [www.WhiteRockViews.com](http://www.WhiteRockViews.com).
- Complete the TAR Application for each person residing in the property whose age is 18 or older.
- Tenant Selection Criteria form reviewed, signed by each applicant, and sent in with the application.
- Include photo-quality copies of each applicant's driver's license.
- If an applicant(s) is not a US Citizen, include photo-quality copies of each applicant's current US Visa.
- Include 3 most recent paystubs or other recent verifiable income documents for each applicant.
- If applying with a pet, please include 3 clear, color pictures of the pet taken from different angles.

**Application Fees:** may only be paid with verified funds or electronically. For your convenience, we do accept application fees on our website to make things simpler and as well verified funds such as Cashier Check, Money Order may be delivered in an envelop with your name and the property address on the out side of the letter envelope, be sure to include which apartment. No Personal Checks and No Cash.

**\*\*Applications will not be run until ALL required forms and supporting documents have been received..\*\***



## LANDLORD'S TENANT SELECTION CRITERIA AND GROUNDS FOR DENIAL

We will provide an application to everyone who requests one. Review our criteria for rental, and if you feel you qualify, please apply. If you have any questions, please contact our Property at 214-308-2200 or [apply@whiterockviews.com](mailto:apply@whiterockviews.com).

### **\$70 application fee per adult over 18 years or older [collected via online]**

Pursuant to Texas Property Code Section 92.3515, these Tenant Selection Criteria and Grounds for Denial are being provided to you. The following constitute grounds upon which Landlord will be basing the decision to lease the Property to you.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY:** Landlord will perform a criminal history check on you to verify the information provided by you on the Lease Application. Landlord's decision to lease the Property to you may be influenced by the information contained in the report. Note: Landlord will not rent to any person required to register as a sex offender.

**PREVIOUS RENTAL HISTORY:** Landlord will verify your previous rental history using the information provided by you on the Lease Application. Landlord requires a minimum 2-year verifiable rental history OR minimum 2-year verifiable mortgage payments. Rental history must be from unbiased sources. If your only rental history is from a biased source (relatives) your application may not be approved. Some examples of previous rental history issues that may result in denial:

- Unpaid collection filed against you by a Property Management Company or Landlord.
- You have allowed person(s) not on the lease to reside on the premises.
- You have had 2 or more NSF checks within the last 12-month period.
- Failure to give proper notice when vacating the property.
- 3 or more late payments or rent within a 12-month period.
- You have received a current 3-day notice to vacate.
- You have had an unauthorized pet(s) on the premises.
- Eviction within the last four years.

Your failure to provide the requested information, provision of inaccurate information, or information learned upon contacting your previous landlords may influence Landlord's decision to lease the Property to you.

**\*\*\*\*All occupants must meet our rental history and criminal background requirements.\*\*\*\***

**CURRENT INCOME:** The gross income stated on the Lease Application must be at least 3 times the monthly rent and must be verifiable. The sufficiency of your income along with the ability to verify the stated income, may influence Landlord's decision to lease the Property to you.

**CREDIT HISTORY:** Landlord will obtain a Credit Reporting Act (CRA) report, commonly referred to as a credit report, in order to verify your credit history and determine satisfactory credit worthiness. Landlord's decision to lease the Property to you may be based on information obtained from this report including, but not limited to, the following:

- Payments past due 60 days or more in the last 24 months may cause your application to be denied.
- Outstanding debt to property managers or landlords will result in the denial of your application.
- Any bankruptcy must have been discharged at least one year prior to the date of your application.
- Unpaid collections within the last 2 years may result in the denial of your application.
- Landlord may deny approval if you have filed bankruptcy within the past 24 months.
- Past evictions or foreclosures may result in the denial of your application.

You will be notified if your application is denied based upon information obtained from your credit report.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Smoking: Landlord does not allow smoking inside the premises of the Property.
- Identification: All applicants must provide a copy of a current photo ID (driver's license or other government-issued photo ID card is acceptable)
- Each person 18 years or older who plans to reside in the Property must submit a separate application with a non-refundable \$70 application fee/per person.

**Spark Venture Property Group LLC**

\*\*\*\*\*Applicants are qualified on a first come, first served basis.\*\*\*\*\*

Signing this acknowledgment indicates that you have had the opportunity to review the landlord's tenant selection criteria. The tenant selection criteria may include factors such as criminal history, credit history, current income, and rental history. If you do not meet the selection criteria, or if you provide inaccurate or incomplete information, your application may be rejected and your application fee will not be refunded. Your failure to provide **accurate, complete, and verifiable information in your Lease Application** will be considered by the Landlord when making the decision to lease the Property to you.

**APPLICANT(S) MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE APPLICATION(S) CAN BE PROCESSED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## RESIDENTIAL LEASE APPLICATION

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***Each occupant and co-applicant 18 years or older must submit a separate application.***

Property Address: **2114 - 2122 Tucker St, Dallas, TX 75214-6175**

Anticipated: Move-in Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Rent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Security Deposit: \$ **1,500.00**

Initial Lease Term Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (months)

Property Condition: **Applicant is strongly encouraged to view the Property prior to submitting any application.**  
Landlord makes no express or implied warranties as to the Property's condition. Applicant requests Landlord consider the following repairs or treatments should Applicant and Landlord enter into a lease: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant was referred to Landlord by:

☐ Real estate agent \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail)  
☐ Newspaper ☐ Sign ☐ Internet ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's name (first, middle, last) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a co-applicant? ☐ yes ☐ no ***If yes, co-applicant must submit a separate application.***

Applicant's former last name (maiden or married) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Soc. Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (state)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ (country)

Emergency Contact: *(Do not insert the name of an occupant or co-applicant.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name all other persons who will occupy the Property:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, zip)

Landlord or Property Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Nt: \_\_\_\_\_ Mb: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Moved-In: \_\_\_\_\_ Move-Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for move: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Previous Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, zip)

Landlord or Property Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Nt: \_\_\_\_\_ Mb: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Moved-In \_\_\_\_\_ Move-Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for move: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (street, city, state, zip)  
Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: If Applicant is self-employed, Landlord may require one or more previous year's tax return attested by a CPA, attorney, or other tax professional.*

Applicant's Previous Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (street, city, state, zip)  
Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe other income Applicant wants considered: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List all vehicles to be parked on the Property:

Type	Year	Make	Model	License Plate No./State	Mo.Pymnt.

Will any pets (dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, fish, and other pets) be kept on the Property? ☐ yes ☐ no  
If yes, list all pets to be kept on the Property:

Type & Breed	Name	Color	Weight	Age in Yrs.	Gender	Neutered?	Declawed?	Rabies		Bite History?
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Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will any waterbeds or water-filled furniture be on the Property?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does anyone who will occupy the Property smoke?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will Applicant maintain renter's insurance?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is Applicant or Applicant's spouse, even if separated, in military?
		If yes, is the military person serving under orders limiting the military person's stay to one year or less?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has Applicant ever:
		been evicted?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	been asked to move out by a landlord?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	breached a lease or rental agreement?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	filed for bankruptcy?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	lost property in a foreclosure?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	had <u>any</u> credit problems, including any outstanding debt (e.g., student loans or medical bills), slow-pays or delinquencies?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	been convicted of a crime? If yes, provide the location, year, and type of conviction below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is any occupant a registered sex offender? If yes, provide the location, year, and type of conviction below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there additional information Applicant wants considered?

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Authorization:** Applicant authorizes Landlord and Landlord's agent, at any time before, during, or after any tenancy, to:

- (1) obtain a copy of Applicant's credit report;
- (2) obtain a criminal background check related to Applicant and any occupant; and
- (3) verify any rental or employment history or verify any other information related to this application with persons knowledgeable of such information.

**Notice of Landlord's Right to Continue to Show the Property:** Unless Landlord and Applicant enter into a separate written agreement otherwise, the Property remains on the market until a lease is signed by all parties and Landlord may continue to show the Property to other prospective tenants and accept another offer.

**Privacy Policy:** Landlord's agent or property manager maintains a privacy policy that is available upon request.

**Fees:** Applicant submits a non-refundable fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(entity or individual) for processing and reviewing this application. Applicant ☐ submits ☐ will not submit an application deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the security deposit upon execution of a lease or returned to Applicant if a lease is not executed.

**Acknowledgement & Representation:**

- (1) Signing this application indicates that Applicant has had the opportunity to review Landlord's tenant selection criteria, which is available upon request. The tenant selection criteria may include factors such as criminal history, credit history, current income and rental history.
- (2) Applicant understands that providing inaccurate or incomplete information is grounds for rejection of this application and forfeiture of any application fee and may be grounds to declare Applicant in breach of any lease the Applicant may sign.
- (3) Applicant represents that the statements in this application are true and complete.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*For Landlord's Use:*

On \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (name/initials) notified

☐ Applicant ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ by ☐ phone ☐ mail ☐ e-mail ☐ fax ☐ in person that Applicant was

☐ approved ☐ not approved. Reason for disapproval: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION  
RELATED TO A RESIDENTIAL LEASE APPLICANT**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant), have submitted an application  
to lease a property located at 2114 - 2122 Tucker St, Dallas, TX 75214-6175  
\_\_\_\_\_. (address, city, state, zip).

The landlord, broker, or landlord's representative is:

<u>Spark Venture Property Group LLC</u>	(name)
<u>6510 Abrams Rd #400</u>	(address)
<u>Dallas, TX 75231</u>	(city, state, zip)
<u>(214)308-2200</u>	(phone) _____ (fax)
<u>tucker@sparkdeveloping.com</u>	(e-mail)

I give my permission:

- (1) to my current and former employers to release any information about my employment history and income history to the above-named person;
- (2) to my current and former landlords to release any information about my rental history to the above-named person;
- (3) to my current and former mortgage lenders on property that I own or have owned to release any information about my mortgage payment history to the above-named person;
- (4) to my bank, savings and loan, or credit union to provide a verification of funds that I have on deposit to the above-named person; and
- (5) to the above-named person to obtain a copy of my consumer report (credit report) from any consumer reporting agency and to obtain background information about me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

*Note: Any broker gathering information about an applicant acts under specific instructions to verify some or all of the information described in this authorization. The broker maintains a privacy policy which is available upon request.*



## ADDENDUM REGARDING LEAD-BASED PAINT

*For use in the lease of residential property built before 1978.*

### ADDENDUM TO RESIDENTIAL LEASE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT **2114 - 2122 Tucker St, Dallas, TX 75214-6175**

**A. LEAD WARNING STATEMENT:** 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 (landlords) must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Lessees (tenants) must also receive a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

**B. DISCLOSURE:**

(1) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards. (Check (a) or (b)).

☐ (a) Landlord knows of the following lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property:

☒ (b) Landlord has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property.

(2) Records and reports available to Landlord. (Check (a) or (b)).

☐ (a) Landlord has provided Tenant with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property which are listed here:

☒ (b) Landlord has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property.

**C. TENANT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

- ☐ (1) Tenant has received copies of all information listed in Paragraph B.
- ☐ (2) Tenant has received the pamphlet entitled Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home.

**D. AGENTS' NOTICE TO LANDLORD AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

- (1) The brokers and agents to the lease notify Landlord that Landlord must: (a) provide Tenant with the EPA-approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention; (b) complete this addendum; (c) disclose any known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazard in the Property; (d) deliver all records and reports to Tenant pertaining lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property; and (e) retain a copy of this addendum for at least 3 years.
- (2) The brokers and agents to the lease have advised Landlord of Landlord's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852d and are aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

**E. CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY:** The undersigned have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord  
**Spark Venture Property Group LLC**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord

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Tenant

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Date

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Listing Broker/Agent or Property Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Broker/Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





# Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



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# Are You Planning to Buy or Rent a Home Built Before 1978?

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Did you know that many homes built before 1978 have **lead-based paint**? Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards.

## Read this entire brochure to learn:

- How lead gets into the body
- About health effects of lead
- What you can do to protect your family
- Where to go for more information

## Before renting or buying a pre-1978 home or apartment, federal law requires:

- Sellers must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before selling a house.
- Real estate sales contracts must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.
- Landlords must disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint.

## If undertaking renovations, repairs, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or apartment:

- Read EPA's pamphlet, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*, to learn about the lead-safe work practices that contractors are required to follow when working in your home (see page 12).



# Simple Steps to Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards

## If you think your home has lead-based paint:

- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
- Always keep painted surfaces in good condition to minimize deterioration.
- Get your home checked for lead hazards. Find a certified inspector or risk assessor at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead).
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe certified renovation firms.
- Before buying, renting, or renovating your home, have it checked for lead-based paint.
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure children avoid fatty (or high fat) foods and eat nutritious meals high in iron and calcium.
- Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering your house.

# Lead Gets into the Body in Many Ways

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## **Adults and children can get lead into their bodies if they:**

- Breathe in lead dust (especially during activities such as renovations, repairs, or painting that disturb painted surfaces).
- Swallow lead dust that has settled on food, food preparation surfaces, and other places.
- Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

## **Lead is especially dangerous to children under the age of 6.**

- At this age, children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.



## **Women of childbearing age should know that lead is dangerous to a developing fetus.**

- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

# Health Effects of Lead

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**Lead affects the body in many ways.** It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

**In children, exposure to lead can cause:**

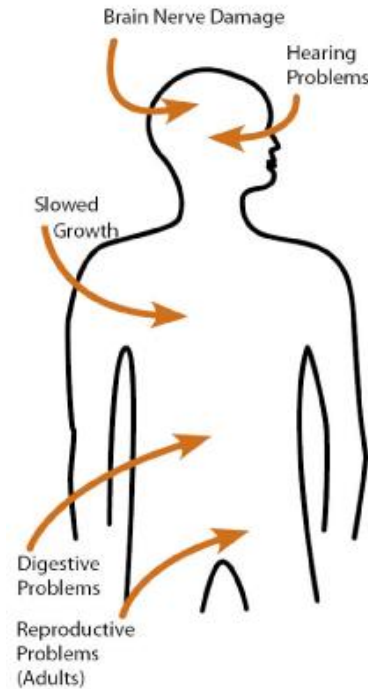
- Nervous system and kidney damage
- Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- Speech, language, and behavior problems
- Poor muscle coordination
- Decreased muscle and bone growth
- Hearing damage

While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high amounts of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and, in some cases, death.

Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults, too.

**In adults, exposure to lead can cause:**

- Harm to a developing fetus
- Increased chance of high blood pressure during pregnancy
- Fertility problems (in men and women)
- High blood pressure
- Digestive problems
- Nerve disorders
- Memory and concentration problems
- Muscle and joint pain



# Check Your Family for Lead

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**Get your children and home tested if you think your home has lead.**

Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect lead. Blood lead tests are usually recommended for:

- Children at ages 1 and 2
- Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead
- Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan

**Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.**

# Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

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In general, the older your home or childcare facility, the more likely it has lead-based paint.<sup>1</sup>

**Many homes, including private, federally-assisted, federally-owned housing, and childcare facilities built before 1978 have lead-based paint.** In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint.<sup>2</sup>

Learn how to determine if paint is lead-based paint on page 7.

## Lead can be found:

- In homes and childcare facilities in the city, country, or suburbs,
- In private and public single-family homes and apartments,
- On surfaces inside and outside of the house, and
- In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources, such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Learn more about where lead is found at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead).

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<sup>1</sup> “Lead-based paint” is currently defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter (mg/cm), or more than 0.5% by weight.

<sup>2</sup> “Lead-containing paint” is currently defined by the federal government as lead in new dried paint in excess of 90 parts per million (ppm) by weight.



# Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

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**Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged paint)** is a hazard and needs immediate attention. **Lead-based paint** may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear and tear, such as:

- On windows and window sills
- Doors and door frames
- Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches

**Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition** and if it is not on an impact or friction surface like a window.

**Lead dust** can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Lead dust also forms when painted surfaces containing lead bump or rub together. Lead paint chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can reenter the air when the home is vacuumed or swept, or when people walk through it. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in dust as hazardous:

- 40 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and higher for interior window sills

**Lead in soil** can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in soil as hazardous:

- 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil
- 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard

**Remember, lead from paint chips - which you can see - and lead dust - which you may not be able to see - both can be hazards.**

The only way to find out if paint, dust, or soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes how to do this.



# Checking Your Home for Lead

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You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- A lead-based paint **inspection** tells you if your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether your home currently has lead hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a lead-based paint inspector, will conduct a paint inspection using methods, such as:
  - Portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine
  - Lab tests of paint samples
- A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a risk assessor, will:
  - Sample paint that is deteriorated on doors, windows, floors, stairs, and walls
  - Sample dust near painted surfaces and sample bare soil in the yard
  - Get lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples
  - A combination inspection and risk assessment tells you if your home has any lead-based paint and if your home has any lead hazards, and where both are located.



Be sure to read the report provided to you after your inspection or risk assessment is completed, and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

## Checking Your Home for Lead, continued

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In preparing for renovation, repair, or painting work in a pre-1978 home, Lead-Safe Certified renovators (see page 12) may:

- Take paint chip samples to determine if lead-based paint is present in the area planned for renovation and send them to an EPA-recognized lead lab for analysis. In housing receiving federal assistance, the person collecting these samples must be a certified lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor
- Use EPA-recognized tests kits to determine if lead-based paint is absent (but not in housing receiving federal assistance)
- Presume that lead-based paint is present and use lead-safe work practices

There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency for more information, visit [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead), or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

# What You Can Do Now to Protect Your Family

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**If you suspect that your house has lead-based paint hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:**

- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- 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. (Remember: never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.)
- Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.
- Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas, and again afterward.
- Wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe Certified renovation firms (see page 12).
- Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- Make sure children avoid fatty (or high fat) foods and eat nutritious meals high in iron and calcium. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

# Reducing Lead Hazards

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**Disturbing lead-based paint or removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.**

- In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition, you can **temporarily** reduce lead-based paint hazards by taking actions, such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover lead-contaminated soil. These actions are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- You can minimize exposure to lead when renovating, repairing, or painting by hiring an EPA- or state-certified renovator who is trained in the use of lead-safe work practices. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, learn how to use lead-safe work practices in your home.
- To remove lead hazards permanently, you should hire a certified lead abatement contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent control.



**Always use a certified contractor who is trained to address lead hazards safely.**

- Hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm (see page 12) to perform renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects that disturb painted surfaces.
- To correct lead hazards permanently, hire a certified lead abatement professional. This will ensure your contractor knows how to work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly.

Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

## Reducing Lead Hazards, continued

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**If your home has had lead abatement work done** or if the housing is receiving federal assistance, once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be conducted until clearance testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following levels:

- 40 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for interior windows sills
- 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for window troughs

For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 14 and 15), or visit [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead), or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

# Renovating, Remodeling, or Repairing (RRP) a Home with Lead-Based Paint

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If you hire a contractor to conduct renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or childcare facility (such as pre-school and kindergarten), your contractor must:

- Be a Lead-Safe Certified firm approved by EPA or an EPA-authorized state program
- Use qualified trained individuals (Lead-Safe Certified renovators) who follow specific lead-safe work practices to prevent lead contamination
- Provide a copy of EPA's lead hazard information document, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*



**RRP contractors working in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities must follow lead-safe work practices that:**

- **Contain the work area.** The area must be contained so that dust and debris do not escape from the work area. Warning signs must be put up, and plastic or other impermeable material and tape must be used.
- **Avoid renovation methods that generate large amounts of lead-contaminated dust.** Some methods generate so much lead-contaminated dust that their use is prohibited. They are:
  - Open-flame burning or torching
  - Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment and
  - Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F
- **Clean up thoroughly.** The work area should be cleaned up daily. When all the work is done, the area must be cleaned up using special cleaning methods.
- **Dispose of waste properly.** Collect and seal waste in a heavy duty bag or sheeting. When transported, ensure that waste is contained to prevent release of dust and debris.

To learn more about EPA's requirements for RRP projects visit [epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://epa.gov/getleadsafe), or read *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*.

## Other Sources of Lead

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**While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead, other lead sources also exist:**

- **Drinking water.** Your home might have plumbing with lead or lead solder. You cannot see, smell, or taste lead, and boiling your water will not get rid of lead. If you think your plumbing might contain lead:
  - Use only cold water for drinking and cooking.
  - Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

Call your local health department or water supplier to find out about testing your water, or visit [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead) for EPA's lead in drinking water information.

- **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.
- **Your job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your body or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.
- **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture. Call your local health department for information about hobbies that may use lead.
- Old **toys** and **furniture** may have been painted with lead-containing paint. Older toys and other children's products may have parts that contain lead.<sup>4</sup>
- Food and liquids cooked or stored in **lead crystal** or **lead-glazed pottery or porcelain** may contain lead.
- Folk remedies, such as “**greta**” and “**azarcon**,” used to treat an upset stomach.

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<sup>4</sup> In 1978, the federal government banned toys, other children's products, and furniture with lead-containing paint (16 CFR 1303). In 2008, the federal government banned lead in most children's products. The federal government currently bans lead in excess of 100 ppm by weight in most children's products (76 FR 44463).

## For More Information

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### **The National Lead Information Center**

Learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and get other information about lead hazards on the Web at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead) and [hud.gov/lead](http://hud.gov/lead), or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)**.

### **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

For information about lead in drinking water, call **1-800-426-4791**, or visit [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead) for information about lead in drinking water.

### **Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline**

For information on lead in toys and other consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's website at [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov) or [saferproducts.gov](http://saferproducts.gov).

### **State and Local Health and Environmental Agencies**

Some states, tribes, and cities have their own rules related to lead-based paint. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your state or local contacts on the Web at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead), or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access any of the phone numbers in this brochure through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339**.



# U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## Regional Offices

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The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

**Region 1** (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 1  
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, OES 05-4  
Boston, MA 02109-3912  
(888) 372-7341

**Region 2** (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 2  
2890 Woodbridge Avenue  
Building 205, Mail Stop 225  
Edison, NJ 08837-3679  
(732) 321-6671

**Region 3** (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 3  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 814-2088

**Region 4** (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
AFC Tower, 12th Floor, Air, Pesticides & Toxics  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-8998

**Region 5** (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3666  
(312) 886-7836

**Region 6** (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 66 Tribes)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA  
Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733  
(214) 665-2704

**Region 7** (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 7  
11201 Renner Blvd.  
WWPD/TOPE  
Lenexa, KS 66219  
(800) 223-0425

**Region 8** (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 8  
1595 Wynkoop St.  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 312-6966

**Region 9** (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 9 (CMD-4-2)  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 947-4280

**Region 10** (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 10  
Solid Waste & Toxics Unit (WCM-128)  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(206) 553-1200

# Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

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The CPSC protects the public against unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, and enforcement. Contact CPSC for further information regarding consumer product safety and regulations.

## **CPSC**

4330 East West Highway  
Bethesda, MD 20814-4421  
1-800-638-2772  
[cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov) or [saferproducts.gov](http://saferproducts.gov)

## **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

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HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. Contact HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for further information regarding the Lead Safe Housing Rule, which protects families in pre-1978 assisted housing, and for the lead hazard control and research grant programs.

## **HUD**

451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8236  
Washington, DC 20410-3000  
(202) 402-7698  
[hud.gov/offices/lead/](http://hud.gov/offices/lead/)

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# IMPORTANT!

## **Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil in and Around Your Home Can Be Dangerous if Not Managed Properly**

- Children under 6 years old are most at risk for lead poisoning in your home.
- Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- Homes, schools, and child care facilities built before 1978 are likely to contain lead-based paint.
- Even children who seem healthy may have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.
- Disturbing surfaces with lead-based paint or removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.
- People can get lead into their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- People have many options for reducing lead hazards. Generally, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard (see page 10).