

Lead: What do I need to do before I move in?



A CHECKLIST TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE FROM LEAD:

LOOK FOR DANGERS IN THE HOME

Check everywhere for peeling or chipping paint (windows, doors, porches, and outside).

LOOK FOR A LEAD SAFE HOME

- Homes built after 1978
- Newer windows
- Recently remodeled/painted

TALK TO THE OWNER ABOUT LEAD

Ask if any child with lead problems has lived in the house. The owner must tell you about any known lead dangers.

READ AND KEEP ALL THE LEAD INFORMATION THE OWNER GIVES YOU

You must receive a pamphlet on your lead rights and any lead documents. Keep in a safe place.

BEFORE YOU SIGN THE LEASE OR SALES CONTRACT, TELL THE OWNER TO FIX OR REMOVE KNOWN LEAD DANGERS

Make the request in writing with a list of all the problems the owner needs to fix or remove. Go to akronchildrens.org/lead for an example.

READ YOUR LEASE OR SALES CONTRACT CAREFULLY

A warning statement about known lead dangers must be in your contract. Sellers can avoid their responsibility for removing lead dangers in a contract, but landlords cannot do this.

HIRE AN INSPECTOR TO DO A LEAD TEST IF YOU ARE BUYING THE HOME

Sellers must give you 10 days to do this inspection at YOUR expense. You can find inspectors and more information at akronchildrens.org/lead.

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Do You Live in a Home with Lead?



YOU SHOULD ALWAYS

- Talk to your child's doctor about getting your child tested.
- Find out why your child's lead level is high.



WHEN YOU RENT YOUR HOME

- Tell your landlord if your child has a high lead level.
- Write the landlord a letter with a list of repairs that are needed. Keep a copy of the letter.
- Find free legal help if your landlord refuses to make repairs. Visit akronchildrens.org/lead.
- DO NOT** stop paying rent without understanding your rights. Make a plan to move if your landlord is not cooperating. Your landlord is not allowed to evict you for asking for needed repairs.



WHEN YOU OWN YOUR HOME

- Understand you are responsible for making any needed repairs that are causing your child's high lead levels.
- Apply for help removing lead dangers in your home if you cannot afford the cost of repairs. You can find resources and more information at akronchildrens.org/lead.
- Hire trained lead removal professionals when making repairs. You can find a list of approved professionals at akronchildrens.org/lead.



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