# 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**.

Need more help? Go to 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.

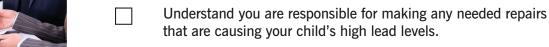
### WHEN YOU RENT YOUR HOME

Tell your landlord if your child has a high lead level.

WHEN YOU OWN YOUR HOME

- 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.





- 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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