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# GET AHEAD OF LEAD



Dear Rental Property Owner,

As a registered rental property owner in the City of Buffalo, you are required to take specific steps to keep your properties lead-safe. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children exposed to lead are affected for their entire lives with permanently lowered intelligence, hearing loss, and learning disabilities. Lead poisoning is most often caused by dust from lead paint, usually in rental housing.

The City of Buffalo is a proud partner in Get Ahead of Lead, a project to help property owners follow local and Federal laws that prevent lead poisoning. We strongly encourage you to visit [www.getaheadoflead.org](http://www.getaheadoflead.org) to learn more about the steps you must take to make your properties lead safe. Read the back of this sheet to learn more about sources of lead poisoning and lead safe work practices.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep our kids healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



James Comerford  
Commissioner, Department of Permit and Inspection Services



This educational information explains lead hazards in your home and rental properties.

## WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- Lead paint dust is the most common cause of childhood lead poisoning in the United States
- Lead paint dust is common in houses built before 1978
- Buffalo has the oldest housing stock in the United States. Over 90% of homes were built before 1978

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

### Lead poisoning can cause:

- Permanent Brain Damage
- Learning Disabilities
- Hearing Loss
- Heart Disease
- Miscarriage and Premature Birth

## WHAT CAN I DO?

Property owners, managers, and landlords can prevent lead poisoning by making sure lead-safe practices are used during renovation, repairs, and painting projects.

1. Do not disturb painted surfaces that are in good condition
2. If a surface has chipping or peeling paint, call 311
3. Take a class about lead-safe renovation and repair practices | Sign up at [work.leadsafe@erie.gov](mailto:work.leadsafe@erie.gov) or call 716-961-7582
4. Use lead-safe work practices when you repair, renovate, turnover, or paint your home or rental units



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL 311  
VISIT [www.getaheadoflead.org](http://www.getaheadoflead.org)

### Erie County Department of Health

- RRP Certification / Course
- Grants for homeowners
- Grants for landlords
- Other Resources

Phone: 716-961-7582  
Email: [work.leadsafe@erie.gov](mailto:work.leadsafe@erie.gov)

### City of Buffalo

- Housing Inspections and Permits
- Rental Registry
- Lead Paint Notice Form / Lead Attestation Form
- Other Resources

Phone: 716-851-5227  
Email: [leadsafe@city-buffalo.com](mailto:leadsafe@city-buffalo.com)

Other Languages  
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