



LEAD SAFE WASHINGTON LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Lead Safe Washington will fund lead-based paint hazard reduction activities in single-family homes and multi-family rental properties

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WHAT IS LEAD SAFE WASHINGTON (LSW)?

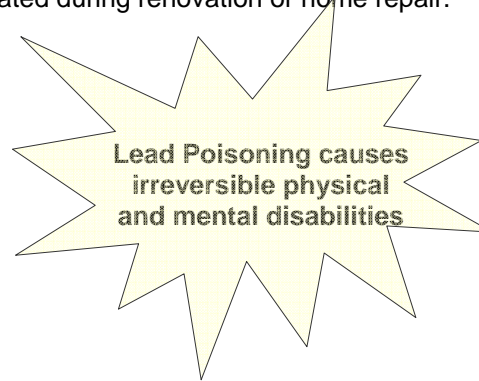
Lead Safe Washington is a program of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) that provides funds to reduce lead-based paint hazards in eligible single-family and multi-family dwellings. Lead Safe Washington provides funding and technical assistance to eligible homeowners and rental property owners to reduce lead-based paint hazards and achieve lead-based paint related compliance with local and federal law. The program is funded with Federal and matching local funds.

WHY IS LEAD SAFE WASHINGTON IMPORTANT?

The primary goal of Lead Safe Washington is to create lead safe affordable housing for low-to-moderate income families with children under the age of six. Lead poisoning causes irreversible physical and mental disabilities and can affect nearly every system in the body. The effects of lead poisoning include:

- Learning disabilities
- Attention deficit disorder
- Aggressive and violent behavior
- Hearing loss
- Convulsions
- Reduction of motor control/balances
- Mental retardation
- Death

Lead often enters the body when children put their hands or other objects covered with lead-based paint dust into their mouths or eat paint chips or soil that contains lead. Lead poisoning may also result from breathing lead-based paint dust created during renovation or home repair.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR LSW'S LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

LSW will provide grant assistance to:

- Income-eligible owner-occupant households with at least one child under the age of 6, living in housing unit with existing hazards related to lead-based paint.
- Owners of rental housing units with existing hazards related to lead-based paint, which are occupied by income-eligible families. Such property owners must commit to affirmatively marketing all treated units to families with children under the age of six, for a period of three years following the lead hazard controls.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM

Income eligibility is based upon the income of individual housing units that are candidates for lead hazard control activity. Generally, incomes cannot exceed 80% of the area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

TYPES OF PROPERTIES ELIGIBLE FOR LSW'S LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

LSW will fund lead hazard reduction/control activities in both owner-occupied and rental housing units in which lead-based paint hazards already exist at the time of application to the Program. Only housing units constructed prior to 1978 are candidate for lead hazard controls.

WHAT TYPES OF LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION ACTIVITIES ARE FUNDED?

Eligible activities may include door and window treatment and/or replacement; floor treatments; paint removal, stabilization and repainting; encapsulation; enclosure; specialized cleaning, and any other lead hazard reduction method that is approved by DHCD. The work plan must fully address all of the lead-based paint hazards present in the unit.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following organizations may be contacted for more information about community education, resources, and lead paint laws:

- **DC Department of Health, Lead Based Paint Program (202) 535-1934.** Provides information about the District's accreditation and training laws for contractors, acceptable abatement and lead hazard techniques, and accredited lead abatement training providers.
- **Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning (800) 370-5323**
- For more information, you may also contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-5323.**

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