

# LANDLORDS:

## What You Need to Know about Lead in Your Building

If your multi-unit has lead paint, then common activities such as sanding and scraping an old windowsill, or removing paint with a heat gun, can produce dangerous lead dust, chips and fumes.

Unless testing has shown that a building does not contain lead paint, assume that all homes built before 1978 contain lead paint and require lead-safe work practices.

### Tips for Lead-Safe Renovation



- ✓ **Protect your family, your tenants and your neighbors.**
  - Keep others, especially children and pregnant women, out of the work area.
- ✓ **Prepare the area.**
  - Make sure to keep all dust inside the work space.
  - Create barriers between the work area and the living space.
- ✓ **Protect yourself and your workers from dust and debris.**
  - Wear protective gear.
  - Have employees wash their hands, face and hair and change clothes before returning home.
  - Do not eat, drink or smoke in the work area.
- ✓ **Work wet.**
  - To create as little dust as possible, use wet methods.
- ✓ **Work clean.**
  - Clean-up dust and debris in lead-safe ways.

*Lead is toxic to adults and especially to children. Improper removal of lead paint can poison the person removing it, and their family.*

80% of Maine homes built before 1978 contain lead paint. Isn't it time you considered reducing your tenant risk and your own liability around this issue?

There are many resources in York County to assist you in working lead-safe and eliminating lead hazards from your multi-unit homes. For more information, please see the reverse of this page.



# Local and State-Wide Lead-Safe Resources

## BIDDEFORD/SACO RESOURCES

### Community Concepts

Community Concepts administers a 0% deferred forgivable loan program for the Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing) for the abatement of lead paint hazards. Deferred Forgivable Loans can be used for both single-family homes and apartment buildings.

Housing Energy Service Program

Lead Paint Services

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1-800-866-5588 ext. 2119

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*The requirements for single-family homes:*

\* Must have a child under six residing in the home.

\* May receive up to \$16,000 for lead abatement.

*The requirements for apartment buildings:*

\* Each unit must be at least 2 bedrooms.

\* Eligibility is based on tenant income only.

\* Landlords may receive up to \$10,000 per unit with a maximum of ten units.

Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Sandy Albert 1-800-866-5588 ext 1183 or Kieri Thibodeau at ext 1175.

<http://www.community-concepts.org/images/PDF/housing.pdf>

### Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition

Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition (CHCC), a Healthy Maine Partnership, is a community-based health promotion coalition working to promote healthy homes initiatives and activities that prevent chronic disease in Northern York County.

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<http://www.une.edu/com/commprog/chcc.asp>

**If you suspect your child may have had hazardous contact with lead, please contact your physician directly regarding lead testing.**

**If you are a MaineCare recipient, please note that children up to 2 years of age can be screened for lead poisoning FREE OF CHARGE.**

## STATE-WIDE RESOURCES

### MaineHousing Lead Hazard Program

Offers funding and deferred loan programs to eligible homeowners through local CAP agencies.

353 Water Street

Augusta, Maine 04330

(800) 452-4668 or (207) 626-4600

[www.mainehousing.org](http://www.mainehousing.org)

### Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

*General Questions:*

1-866-292-3474

[www.maine.gov/healthyhomes](http://www.maine.gov/healthyhomes)

*Questions regarding health effects and testing for lead exposure:*

Susan Lee, RN, Health Coordinator

(207) 287-8671

[susan.j.lee@maine.gov](mailto:susan.j.lee@maine.gov)

*Questions about lead in your home or the environment:*

Tina Bernier, Environmental Coordinator

(207) 287-5668

[tina.bernier@maine.gov](mailto:tina.bernier@maine.gov)

### Information for Landlords

[www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/landlords.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/landlords.htm)

### Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Information about lead testing, a list of licensed lead inspectors, and general information

(800) 452-1942 or [www.state.me.us/rwm/lead](http://www.state.me.us/rwm/lead)

### DEP Lead Inspectors

[www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/pdf/leadinspectors.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/pdf/leadinspectors.pdf)

### EPA Requirements

To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).