

## Why Should You Participate?

Dust from lead-based paint is the most common cause of childhood lead poisoning.

The Federal Government banned lead paint for residential use in 1978. Older buildings may still have lead-based paint on walls, windows, doors, and other surfaces. Lead in soil may also be present.

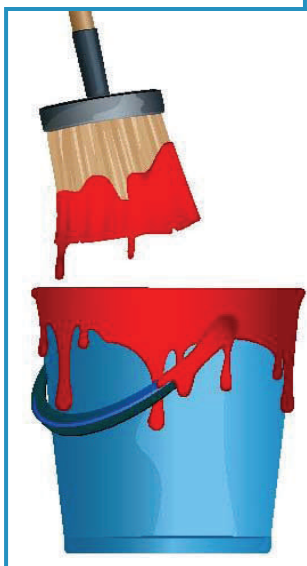
According to CDC, about one child in 23 has higher lead levels than they should.

Even low-level lead exposure can potentially cause learning, behavior and other health problems in children, but can be prevented with precautionary and/or preventive measures.

### **Landlords can address this potential risk through partnership with the Knoxville Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program!**

Landlords should address lead paint hazards by checking their property for any conditions that may cause peeling paint and by safely making repairs.

Anyone working for compensation in target housing or in a child occupied facility built before 1978, must be trained and certified in EPA's RRP rule.



## Lead-Safe Work Methods

Building owners should use safe work practices and trained workers to fix lead paint hazards and when doing general repair work that disturbs lead paint on pre-1978 tenant occupied properties.

### Safe work practices include:

- Never dry scrape or dry sand lead paint
- Post warning signs around the work area
- Tell tenants to stay out of the work area
- Clean the work area with wet mops and HEPA vacuums every day and after the work is done
- Remove all items that can be moved from the work area
- Cover furniture that cannot be moved
- Seal floors, doors, and other openings with plastic and waterproof tape

Verify that no dust remains when the work is done.

### **Enroll in the FREE grant funded 8-hour Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) course to learn how to maintain your property safely!**



Funded by the U.S. HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Through Competitive 2013 Grant Award to City of Knoxville

## City of Knoxville Lead Safe and Healthy Homes

**...has a program that offers support for Landlord owned, single or multi-family units rented to Knoxville area families through HUD Section 8 vouchers!**

**The Community Development Department can offer FREE lead-based paint inspections/assessments and support to help landlords rent safe and healthy pre-1978 homes to low-income families.**

**Enrollment of Properties in the Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program will provide:**

- **AT NO COST**—An EPA certified lead-based paint risk assessor will go to the home and conduct a thorough assessment to identify areas containing lead-based paint and develop a plan to clean up potential hazards.
- **AT NO COST**—If lead-based hazards are found - clean-up of the potential paint hazards will be cleaned up by EPA certified lead-based paint professionals .



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**For More Information and an Enrollment Form email [LeadSafe@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:LeadSafe@cityofknoxville.org) and return completed forms by either email reply or fax to (865) 215-2962**

**City of Knoxville  
Community Development Dept.  
865-215-2120**

# Knoxville Lead Safe

# and Healthy Homes

# Program Enrollment

## Property Enrollment

- Up to 3 Single or multi-family units owned by an individual landlord are eligible for enrollment. Choose your oldest and most deteriorated units!
- The enrollment form can be obtained by emailing:  
**LeadSafe@cityofknoxville.org**
- Unit should be built **pre-1978** for this phase of enrollment. (preference given to pre-1960 units)
- Preference will be given to units housing families with children less-than six years of age and/or pregnant women.
- Preference will be given to units located in East and South Knoxville, Mechanicville, Lonsdale, Beaumont, Oakwood, Lincoln Park and Cecil communities.
- Both Owner and Tenant permission for the inspector to visit must be given.
- Tenant income information is required. HUD Section 8 rental qualification may be used; The City will contact the tenant directly.



- An application form shall be completed for each address.
- Applications are processed in the order received.

## Benefits of The Program

- Each enrolled unit may receive up to **\$10,000** in Lead-Hazard Control project costs.
- The average project cost is approximately **\$2,500**.
- Completed projects will receive an official EPA clearance exam report by a certified Lead-based Paint professional to provide evidence that the property is now lead-safe.
- Property Owners and property maintenance professionals are eligible for **FREE** training in the EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) 8 hour course as scheduled by the City.



## Responsibility of the Owner

- To conduct initial contact with the tenant to discuss program enrollment, provide the tenant brochure and “Protect Your Family” pamphlet for their information and request permission for the assessment.
- To provide unit access to the City Risk Assessor on the scheduled appointment date.
- To support the protection of occupants during the project work until clearance is achieved.
- To provide power and water for the project duration (possibly through negotiation with the tenant)
- To not increase the tenant rental rate above a normal increase based on immediate area average rental rates as a result of any improvements made through the Knoxville Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program
- To advertise vacant properties as desirable to families with children less than 6 years of age for 12 months.
- To allow at least one entry for project re-evaluation during the 36-month time period following project completion.

