

RHODE ISLAND LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION RESOURCES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Most houses built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. Lead is poison when it gets into the body. Lead can harm people-especially children and pregnant women. If you own a house before 1978, resources are available to help you correct lead hazards.

CLASSES

RI Housing 401 438-9988 or leadsafe@rileadtechs.com

Childhood Lead Action <https://lhas.lead safekids.org/login.php>

INFORMATION ON LEAD

EPA (ENGLISH) US DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

[HTTP://WWW2.EPA.GOV/LEAD/RENOVATION-REPAIR-AND-PAINTING-PROGRAM](http://www2.epa.gov/lead/renovation-repair-and-painting-program)

EPA (ESPAÑOL) AGENCIA DE PROTECCION AMBIENTAL DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

<http://www.epa.gov/espanol/saludhispana/plomo.html>

GRANTS, LOANS, AND TAX CREDITS FOR LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

- If you live in Providence call Community Educator, Sojaili Gomez, at 401-785-1310, ext. 206, or email her at sojaili@lead safekids.org for the Providence Lead Hazard Reduction Program.
- If you live elsewhere in Rhode Island, contact Rhode Island Housing 401-438-9988 for available grants and loans with their Lead Safe Homes program.
- 2011 Residential Lead Abatement Tax Credit form (RI-6238) for Lead Hazard Mitigation or Abatement.
- EPA
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/funds/avail/nofa13/leadcombo

LIST OF LEAD TECHNICIANS AND INSPECTORS

<http://www.health.ri.gov/lists/environmentallead/firms/index.php>

THE LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION ACT REQUIRES THAT MOST OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES BUILT BEFORE 1978 MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- Attend a Lead Hazard Awareness Class
- Conduct a visual assessment of your rental property
- Fix lead hazards on your rental property
- Have an Independent Clearance Inspection in order to obtain a Certificate of Conformance for your rental unit(s)
- Give tenants information about lead hazards and a copy of the Inspection Report
- Respond to tenant concerns, perform regular maintenance on your rental unit(s), and keep your Certificate of Conformance current

INDEPENDENT CLEARANCE INSPECTION

A licensed R.I. Lead Inspector will examine the painted surfaces of the interior and exterior, visually inspect the soil, and take at least 3 dust wipes from the unit.

Independent Clearance Inspection:

- Owners should have taken the Lead Hazard Mitigation Class before ordering the service
- A Certificate of Conformance when cleared
- Meets the Rhode Island standards.

This inspection is typically used for:

- Comply with RI Lead Mitigation regulations
- Pre-rental compliance
- Section 8 Housing
- Home Owners Insurance
- Inexpensive safety evaluation

SUMMARY OF THE Sept. 16th 2015 LEAD MEETING

What is a Visual Assessment?

Before the two-year Lead Conformance or Mitigation Certification expires and if the same tenant still resides in the unit, you can perform your own Visual Assessment of the unit and send it to the Housing Resource Commission. This will be good for another two years at which time you can perform another Visual Assessment.

If you do not do the visual assessment then you must pay to have another Lead Conformance inspection performed or

If you have a tenant turnover than you must get a new Lead Conformance Certification.

What do you have to do to get a Visual Assessment?

- 1. Get the affidavit form** from the RI Housing Resource Commission
<http://www.planning.ri.gov/community/healthyhousing/leadforms.php>
or you can pick up a copy at the Central Falls Housing Authority

- 2. Fill out the form and notarize it.**
 - a. Be sure that question 6 includes certification on chipping paint, friction and no bare soil within five feet of the property.
 - b. Question five is the name of the person who performed your inspection and you will find the information on the lead conformance certification

- 3. Attachments to the affidavit:**
 - a. Copy of your 3 hour Landlord Class
 - b. Copy of your lead mitigation certificate

- 4. Keep a copy, SEND a copy to the Section 8 office and submit the original affidavit to the Housing Resource Commission**

Office of Healthy Housing
Housing Resources Commission
One Capitol Hill, 3rd FL
Providence, RI 02908

- 5. You should get a copy back confirming the HRC has received it. Call the Housing Resource Commission if you do not get your confirmation as this will be your proof of update.**