

## The Dangers of Lead

Lead is most dangerous to small children under 6 because their brains and nervous systems are still developing. When they put their hands and other objects in their mouth, they can swallow lead-paint dust, which can be invisible to the naked eye.

Babies and children can also be exposed to lead from ingesting soil, food, or water containing lead.

THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF LEAD. Even low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in:

- ◆ Behavior and learning problems
- ◆ Lower IQ and hyperactivity
- ◆ Hearing problems

Lead can also cause premature birth for pregnant women.

## Our Partners

This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Office of Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes and is a partnership between:

- ◆ Allegheny County Economic Development
- ◆ ACTION-Housing
- ◆ Allegheny County Health Department
- ◆ Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh

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## Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program



***Providing free home repairs to keep families safe from lead paint!***



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## Do I Qualify?

- ◆ Are you a homeowner or renter in Allegheny County?
- ◆ Was your home built before 1978?
- ◆ Does a child under six live with or regularly visit you? –OR– Does a pregnant woman live with you?
- ◆ Does your household's annual income fall below these limits?

Family Size	Pre-Tax Income
2	\$46,500
3	\$52,300
4	\$58,100
5	\$62,750
6	\$67,400

- ◆ If you are a landlord, does your tenant meet the requirements above?

If so, call 412-227-5700 to apply!

[alleghenylead@actionhousing.org](mailto:alleghenylead@actionhousing.org)

## What Services Will I Receive?

The following services are provided FREE of charge:

### Lead-Paint Testing

The Program will test for lead paint throughout your home and identify all areas that may be hazardous.

### Home Repairs

The Program will hire a Certified Lead Abatement Contractor to repair all lead hazards found in your home. Examples of common repairs include:

- ◆ Repairing and repainting chipping and peeling lead-painted surfaces
- ◆ Window and door repair or replacement
- ◆ Enclosing exterior trim and components

Once the work is done, a visual inspection and testing will be performed to ensure your home is lead-safe.

### Education

You will receive one-on-one education on lead poisoning prevention and maintaining a lead-safe home.

**Allegheny**  
**Lead Safe Homes Hotline**  
**ACTION-Housing**  
**412-227-5700**  
[alleghenycounty.us/leadsafeprogram](http://alleghenycounty.us/leadsafeprogram)

## Lead Paint Safety Tips

- ◆ Ask your pediatrician about a blood test.
- ◆ Wash children's hands and face often, especially before eating.
- ◆ Use a damp mop or rag to clean instead of a broom to reduce dust.
- ◆ Feed your children a diet high in iron (meat, beans, spinach), and calcium (milk, green vegetables, yogurt).
- ◆ Keep children away from areas with chipping and peeling paint.



## Other Resources

Allegheny County Health Department  
 412-350-4046  
[www.achd.net/housing](http://www.achd.net/housing)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
[www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead)

Environmental Protection Agency  
[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)