

Your Partner in Lead Poisoning Prevention

While the facts may seem scary, the good news is that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is committed to eliminating childhood lead poisoning throughout New Jersey by the year 2010.

Lead paint poisoning is a problem that can be solved.

Step One: Educate, Educate, Educate

Check out www.lead safenj.org for the latest news about lead poisoning in New Jersey and around the country.

Step Two: Involve the Community

Help get the message out about the problems of lead poisoning and how to prevent them. The DCA is partnering with librarians, doctors, teachers and parents to help New Jerseyans learn how we can all live safely with lead.

Step Three: Get the Lead Out

The DCA manages a Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund with annual revenues of up to \$14 million raised through a set aside of sales tax on paint purchases and a \$20 per unit lead inspection fee imposed on multi-family properties.

The Fund provides direct financial assistance to property owners of single family, two family and multi-family housing built before 1978 for lead hazard control work.



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You Are Not Alone

If you suspect that your family is at risk, please use the resources that are available to you. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is here to help you.

Visit DCA's website at
www.lead safenj.org
for updates and information
about lead poisoning.

Call the
NJ Department of Community Affairs
toll-free at
1-877-DCA-LEAD
with questions and concerns.

Learn How to Live Safely with Lead



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A Message from the Department of Community Affairs

Lead poisoning is the No. 1 environmental health issue affecting children under the age of 6. Each year, nearly 5,000 New Jersey children are diagnosed with dangerous levels of lead in their blood. But childhood lead poisoning is entirely preventable.

New Jersey has launched Lead-Safe NJ to educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint. Our goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by 2010.

We need to educate parents about common sources of lead, about methods to minimize exposure to lead and about the importance of nutrition. DCA's proactive approach to lead poisoning prevention is in line with the Lead-Safe NJ initiatives to protect our children's health.

Visit our Lead-Safe New Jersey website at www.lead safenj.org for information on DCA programs, and how to eliminate lead hazards from your home.

An ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure.



How the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund Can Help You

Relocation

The **Emergency Relocation Assistance Program** provides financial assistance to relocate a child and his/her family when that child has tested positive for lead poisoning AND that child is removed from his/her primary residence in connection with an order to abate lead-based paint hazards.

The program can pay up to 100% of the actual costs of moving expenses, security deposits, rent payments or subsidies.

Remediation

The **Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund** offers financial assistance to homeowners and property owners to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the home.

Eligible housing includes both owner occupied and investor owned properties that contain lead hazards. The housing must have been built before 1978.

The LHCA Fund provides 3% interest loans. Property owners from all income levels are eligible to apply for repayable loans with some opportunities for forgivable loans for low-income households.

For more information on any of our programs or for a free lead test kit for your home please call 1-877-DCA-LEAD or visit www.lead safenj.org.



Other Programs You Should Know About

The Lead-Safe Housing Registry

This list tracks the lead-safe status of housing units in New Jersey. Housing units on the registry are either lead-free, lead-abated, lead-hazard controlled or lead-free interior. It is available via our website.

Lead-Safe Maintenance of Rental Housing

New Jersey is the first state in the nation to address lead hazards through a systematic, statewide program for the inspection of multiple dwellings. In the next five years, the DCA will inspect approximately 850,000 dwelling units for lead hazards.

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