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THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP.

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APPLICATION FOR SUBLET

Return to: Garthchester Realty
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Harrison, NY 10528

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please complete all sections of the application. If a section is not applicable to you, so state.
2. Applicant must provide **six (6)** copies of the following documents prior to the Board considering the application. ***Please do not bind, staple or print double-sided.***
 - a. fully completed application with all attached forms signed.
 - b. a signed copy of your last two (2) years Federal tax returns with all schedules attached. Also, a copy of all W-2's submitted with the tax return, as well as last two pay stubs.
 - c. copies of latest bank statements.
 - d. two (2) personal letters of reference and two (2) professional letters of reference for each applicant.
 - e. letter of reference from your present employer stating annual salary and length of employment.
 - f. letter of reference from current landlord or managing agent.
 - g. fully executed sublease agreement, together with any riders thereto.

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3. The application, documents and a non-refundable application fee, payable to Garthchester Realty, in the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty (\$450.00) Dollars **plus** One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars **per person** (for a background/credit check) must accompany your application. These fees are non-refundable.
4. The Board reserves the right to request additional information prior to considering your application.
5. By submitting this application for the Board's consideration, you are representing that all statements contained therein are true to the best of your knowledge and are authorizing the Board to verify all statements, including the Board obtaining a current credit report.
6. Where there is more than one Applicant, the information requested is to be answered by all Applicants.
7. The Applicant(s) and all persons to reside at the residence will be required to attend a personal interview with the members of the Admissions Committee of the Board of Directors prior to the committee's moving on the application.

NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY AFTER 12PM

SUBLEASE APPLICATION

DATE:	APPLICANT(S) TELEPHONE NO:
APPLICANT NAME(S):	
SHAREHOLDER'S NAME, ADDRESS & APT. NO.:	

APPLICANT SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
CURRENT ADDRESS:	
CHECK ONE: RENT <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLAIN:	
IF RENTING, NAME & ADDRESS OF PRESENT LANDLORD/MANAGING AGENT & DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
NO. OF ROOMS:	MONTHLY CHARGES:
YEARS AT PRESENT ADDRESS & REASON FOR LEAVING:	
IF LESS THAN 3 YEARS AT PRESENT ADDRESS, GIVE FORMER ADDRESS	
DATE PROPOSED SUBLEASE TERM TO BEGIN:	
DATE INITIAL SUBLEASE TERM TO END:	
TOTAL MONTHLY RENT:	

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE CORPORATION WILL NOT APPROVE ANY INITIAL TERM SHORTER THAN **6 MONTHS** OR LONGER THAN **1 YEAR**. EVERY SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL WILL REQUIRE A NEW APPLICATION. DO NOT ASSUME THAT PERMISSION FOR RENEWAL WILL BE GRANTED AUTOMATICALLY.

CO-APPLICANT SOCIAL SECURITY NO:
DATE OF BIRTH:
CURRENT ADDRESS:



CHECK ONE: RENT <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLAIN:		
IF RENTING, NAME & ADDRESS OF PRESENT LANDLORD/MANAGING AGENT & DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
NO. OF ROOMS:	MONTHLY CHARGES:	
YEARS AT PRESENT ADDRESS:		
IF LESS THAN 3 YEARS AT PRESENT ADDRESS, GIVE FORMER ADDRESS		
DO YOU DESIRE A PARKING SPACE:		NO. OF SPACES DESIRED:
NUMBER OF PERSONS TO RESIDE IN APARTMENT:		
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	BIRTHDATE

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME			
ITEM	APPLICANT	CO-APPLICANT	TOTAL
BASE EMPL. INCOME			
OVERTIME			
BONUSES			
COMMISSIONS			
DIVIDENDS/INTEREST			
OTHER INCOME			
GRAND TOTAL			

ASSETS	CASH OR MARKET VALUE
CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (LIST NAMES OF INSTITUTIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBERS)	
	\$
	\$
	\$



LIABILITIES & PLEDGED ASSETS	UNPAID BALANCE
CREDITORS NAMES, ADDRESSES & ACCT NOS. (USE SEPARATE SHEET, IF NEC.)	\$

APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION		
1. CURRENT EMPLOYER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
POSITION:		
# OF YEARS EMPLOYED:	SALARY:	

1. PREVIOUS EMPLOYER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
POSITION:		
# OF YEARS EMPLOYED:	SALARY:	

CO-APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION		
1. CURRENT EMPLOYER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
POSITION:		
# OF YEARS EMPLOYED:	SALARY:	

1. PREVIOUS EMPLOYER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
POSITION:		
# OF YEARS EMPLOYED:	SALARY:	



I (WE) HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND TO THE BEST OF MY/OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF ARE TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE. I (WE) HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INQUIRIES TO ANY PERSON OR INSTITUTION BEING MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING THE FACTS HEREIN STATED. I (WE) UNDERSTAND THAT THE FILING OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT IN ANY WAY BIND THE COOPERATIVE COOPERATION TO CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THIS APARTMENT TO ME. I (WE) UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT THE PROPERTY HAS THE RIGHT TO RELY ON INFORMATION GIVEN HEREIN AND IN THE EVENT THAT INQUIRIES PROVE ANY STATEMENT FALSE, MAY REJECT THIS APPLICATION, OR IF CONTRACT HAS BEEN EXECUTED, MAY TERMINATE SAME AS IF BREACH OF CONTRACT HAS OCCURRED. I (WE) HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED COPIES OF THE HOUSE RULES AND ACCEPT THEM AS OBLIGATIONS OF RESIDENCE. I (WE) UNDERSTAND THAT ALL CHARGES FOR CREDIT CHECKS ARE TO BE PAID BY THE APPLICANT AND AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF EMPLOYMENT, INCOME, BANKING, AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO PROPERTY AND THE CREDIT BUREAU..

SUBLESSEE'S SIGNATURE	DATE	CO-SUBLESSEE'S SIGNATURE



COMPLETE ONE PER APPLICANT

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF CONSUMER CREDIT REPORT INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANY OR CORPORATION

I _____ hereby authorize Garthchester Realty and the agencies used by this company or corporation, the release of, and/or permission to obtain and review, full consumer credit report information from the credit reporting agencies and/or their *vendors*. Without exception this authorization shall supersede and retract any prior request or previous agreement to the contrary. Copies of this authorization, which show my signature, have been executed by me to be as *valid* as the original release signed by me.

Compliance by the Subscriber with all provisions of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (Public Law 91-508, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681ET SEQ., 604-615) and the Consumer Credit Reporting Act (California Civil Code Sec. 1785.1-1785.34) or other jurisdictional requirements. Information will be requested only for the Subscriber's exclusive use, and the Subscriber will certify for each request the purpose for which the information is sought and that the information will be used for no other purposes.

 X BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONSUMER TO WHOM IT RELATES

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Phone #: _____

Current Address:

WELLINGTON OWNERS CORPORATION

Re: Apartment

Members of the Board:

I/We have been advised of a resolution of the Board of Directors of The Wellington Owners Corporation requiring a move in/move out deposit of \$500.00 at the time of approval of the sale of the above apartment to indemnify the Corporation against any loss which may be sustained resulting from damage to the building or its property in connection with my move.

Move in will be between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday only, with five (5) days notice to Garthchester Realty at 914-725-3600. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting the move-in deposit.

It is understood that an inspection of the premises will be made within a reasonable time after my/our move and if damage has occurred I/we agree that the cost of repairs will be deducted from my/our deposit and the balance, if any, shall be refunded to me/us thereafter. If there is no damage, the deposit will be refunded in full. If there is damage which exceeds \$500.00, I/we will pay the amount of all additional damages within ten (10) days of receipt of notification by the corporation of the amount due.

In order to secure my/our refund, if any, a copy of this form signed by the Superintendent, must be returned to the office of the Managing Agent.

Very truly yours,

Date

Note: THE MANAGING AGENT MAY NOT REFUND THE DAMAGE DEPOSIT TO ANY PARTY UNTIL THIS SECTION IS COMPLETED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE MANAGING AGENT BY THE SHAREHOLDER:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AFTER MOVE IN OR MOVE OUT:

THE MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT (CIRCLE ONE) OF THE ABOVE APARTMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE ON

_____(DATE) AND (CHECK ONE):

() NO DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED TO THE COMMON AREAS.

() THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE(S) HAS OCCURRED TO THE COMMON AREAS:

THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP. HOUSE RULES

Public Areas

1. The public hallways and stairways of the building may not be obstructed or used for any purpose other than entering and leaving apartments.
2. No tricycles, bicycles, scooters, baby carriages, strollers, carting units or similar items may be parked or stored in public hallways. Store and secure bicycles in the basement Bike Room.
3. No one is permitted to play in the public halls, stairways, garage or elevators.
4. No one is allowed on the roof, except in an emergency.
5. No public hall may be decorated or furnished in any manner without the prior consent of the Board of Directors.
6. No article may be placed in the halls or on the staircase landings or fire stairs, nor may anything be hung or shaken from the doors, windows, terraces or balconies or placed on the external windowsills of the building.
7. No awnings or antennas may be used in or about the building without the express written approval of the board or the managing agent, nor may anything, except an air conditioner, project out a window without similar approval.
8. Shareholders may use the laundry facilities at any time, day or night. No washing machines or dryers are allowed in individual apartments.
9. The Board has the right from time to time to curtail or relocate any space devoted to storage or laundry purposes.
10. In the lobby, strollers must be carried up the stairs to protect the marble.

THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP. HOUSE RULES

Garbage Disposal

Each floor has a compactor closet for disposal of ordinary trash. Please keep it in order.

1. Garbage must be completely wrapped and drip-free before being carried to the compactor closet.
2. Garbage must be placed in small bags that will fit easily into the chute. Do not under any circumstances force large bags into the chute.
3. Cleaned bottles, glassware, cans and other recyclable materials must be placed in the receptacle provided on the compactor closet floor. Do not throw them down the chute. Newspapers, magazines, books, and other paper materials should be neatly stacked on the shelf above the chute.
4. Empty cartons and boxes must be flattened and stacked neatly against the wall of the compactor closet after all paper and packing material has been removed. Paper bags should be folded, not crumpled, and placed neatly on the shelf or against the wall. Bulky items must be taken to the basement compactor room.
5. Vacuum cleaner bags or dirt must never be emptied into the chute. Such dust, dirt, etc. must be securely wrapped in a bag before it goes into the chute.
6. Please notify the superintendent or porter of any drippings, or moist refuse, on compactor closet floor or in hallways.
7. No sweepings, rubbish, rags, or other articles may be thrown into toilets. The cost of repairing any resulting damage will be paid by the responsible shareholder.
8. Under no circumstances may any furniture, carpeting, appliance (e.g. TV, microwave), household or flammable item be left anywhere in or outside the building for disposal. Shareholders or their contractors must arrange for private carting of these items and any renovation or construction-related refuse.

THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP. HOUSE RULES

Construction and Renovation

1. Prior to any construction or renovation in your apartment, the managing agent must be notified and provided with proof of your contractor's and/or vendor's license and insurance.
2. No work can commence until all permits required by the City of Yonkers (e.g. plumbing, electrical) are obtained. For any renovation involving removing walls, submit architectural and/or engineering plans, in advance, to the managing agent for approval.
3. To protect our terrazzo marble floors, when equipment, material, or debris is carried in or out, contractors must place secure protective construction paper in hallways from elevators to your doorway each morning and remove it each afternoon by 4:00 pm.
4. Renovation projects must be completed within 90 days.
5. Any construction or repair work involving noise must be conducted on weekdays, (not including legal holidays, December 24th, and December 31st), and only between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm.
6. Prior to transporting any equipment or large deliveries in the elevators, please notify the superintendent or porter so that protective padding can be installed.
7. For shareholder security, all contractors need to obtain and wear a daily vendor guest pass obtained from the doorman / superintendent.

Noise

1. Shareholders are not permitted to play any musical instrument, nor operate a stereo, radio, television, or other sound-producing device, after 10:00 pm loudly enough to disturb other residents.
2. Televisions, or any audio equipment, may not be mounted on walls shared with another apartment.
3. With the exception of kitchens, pantries, bathrooms and closets, 80% of the floors of your apartment must be covered with rugs or carpeting and appropriate padding. To ensure that carpeting and padding is installed within thirty days of moving in, a refundable deposit of \$1500 will be required at time of closing. This deposit will be returned to shareholders after an inspection confirms compliance.

THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP. HOUSE RULES

Deliveries

1. Restaurant delivery people must be met in the lobby by the shareholder requesting the delivery. Deliveries of large items and packages are to be made through the basement after the delivery person has obtained a visitor/vendor badge from the door person.
2. Large trunks and heavy baggage must be moved in and out of the building through the basement.
3. The cooperative has shopping carts for assistance with transporting your personal items from the basement to your apartment. Return carts to designated area immediately after use.
4. Shareholders must meet bulk food deliveries (e.g. Fresh Direct, Peapod, and supermarket) at the side entrance of the building with the building shopping cart. No hand trucks are permitted on the elevators without padding protection.

Staff

1. Shareholders may not request any building employee to perform any private errand or work during the employee's scheduled work hours.

Security

1. Do not share your building key with anyone. If you need an additional building key, contact the managing agent.
2. Working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are required in every apartment. Annual battery replacement is recommended for smoke detectors, while carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced according to manufacturer's recommendations. Inspections can be conducted randomly.

THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP. HOUSE RULES

Garage

1. Shareholders must abide by all arrangements and rules pertaining to the garage and driveways.
2. No vehicle may be parked so as to impede or prevent ready access to any entrance, exit, or garage parking space.
3. Speed limit is 5 mph.
4. The corporation owns all parking spaces, which it leases to qualified shareholders on a month-to-month basis. The corporation reserves the right to postpone / revoke parking privileges for lease or rule violations, such as late payment of maintenance charges.
5. Shareholder must have both permanent residency and car registered to 949 Palmer Road to obtain and maintain a parking assignment.
6. Parking spaces are assigned based upon the shareholder's closing date. At time of closing, the new Shareholder's name is placed at the bottom of the current waiting list. In addition to the current waiting list, there is an auxiliary list of shareholders having waived parking assignment. When the Shareholder's name reaches the top of the current waiting list and complies with items #4 and #5 above, he/she is offered the next available space. Shareholders on the auxiliary list are not eligible until he/she has informed the Managing Agent of their interest to return to the current waiting list.

THE WELLINGTON OWNERS CORP. HOUSE RULES

Miscellany

1. All Shareholders must purchase and maintain adequate co-op homeowner's insurance coverage for personal property loss and liability. They must provide annual proof of compliance to the managing agent.
2. All shareholders must provide the superintendent with both emergency contact information and keys to access your apartment.
3. Shareholders may not conduct or authorize any open house, group tour or exhibit of an apartment or its contents, nor hold or authorize an auction in any apartment without the consent of the managing agent.
4. Shareholders must keep all apartment windows clean and unobstructed. In the event that a shareholder fails to do so after receiving written notice of the violation, the corporation may authorize a window cleaner to perform the work at the shareholder's expense.
5. Shareholders must not post a sign, notice, or advertisement on any window or other part of the building without written approval of the board or managing agent.
6. No pet is allowed in the building. Shareholders may not feed pigeons, other birds or animals from the window sills, terraces or any other public area of the building or property.
7. The agents of the corporation, and any contractor or workman authorized by the corporation, may enter any apartment at any reasonable hour of the day to ascertain whether measures must be taken to control or exterminate any vermin, insects or other pests. If the corporation must undertake such extermination, shareholder will be billed for the cost.
8. No apartment, nor portion of an apartment, can be rented for any duration without the consent of the board.
9. The Wellington Owner's Corporation (building and property) is designated 'smoke free' effective September 28, 2016. Existing (as of 9/28/2016) smoking shareholders are permitted to smoke in their apartment. Such shareholders are expected to use air purifiers in their apartment.
10. Complaints regarding building service shall be made in writing to the managing agent with a copy provided to the president of the board.
11. These House Rules may be added to, amended, or repealed at any time by resolution of the Board of the Directors of the Corporation. Any consent or approval given under these House Rules by the Board shall be revocable at any time.



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NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS



Re: YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM

We would like to help direct your call or electronic inquiry efficiently so that your requests can be resolved in a timely and professional manner.

For your convenience, a list of staff assigned to your building and phone extensions are as follows:

GARTHCHESTER TEAM @ 914-725-3600 (M-F 9:00am – 5:00pm):

- **Property Manager:** Mark Syku ext 141 mark@garthchesterrealty.com
- **Property Assistant:** Michele Liddy ext 121 michele@garthchesterrealty.com
- **Billing/Receivables:** Adele Frutkin ext 103 adele@garthchesterrealty.com
- **Alterations/Renovations:** Rosemarie Sotero ext 115 rosemarie@garthchesterrealty.com

AFTER BUSINESS HOURS & EMERGENCIES - Please call 866-246-0370**

****EMERGENCIES:** For issues that cannot wait 24 hours (such as a leak anywhere, front or side doors do not close properly, elevator not working, etc.).

Sincerely Yours,
Garthchester Realty
A/A/F The Wellington Owners Corp.





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ONE CALL NOW – Shareholder Contact Information Sheet

1. Please enter contact information for up to two people per apartment in the space provided below. If you select more than one electronic communication method, you may receive messages on all methods selected.
2. RETURN THIS FORM TO MICHELE AT GARTHCHESTER REALTY via email at michele@garthchesterrealty.com, by fax 914-725-6453.

RESIDENT 1 – PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

NAME (first and last):

APT #:

<u>Home Phone:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here
<u>Cell Phone via Voice Message:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here
<u>Cell Phone via Text Message:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here
<u>Email address:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here

RESIDENT 2 – PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

NAME (first and last):

APT #:

<u>Home Phone:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here
<u>Cell Phone via Voice Message:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here
<u>Cell Phone via Text Message:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here
<u>Email address:</u>		<input type="radio"/> Check to receive announcements here

THANK YOU!



Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Lead Warning Statement

Every purchaser of any interest in residential real property on which a residential dwelling was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to purchase.

Seller's Disclosure

(a) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) _____ Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).

(ii) _____ Seller has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

(b) Records and reports available to the seller (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) _____ Seller has provided the purchaser with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).

(ii) _____ Seller has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

Purchaser's Acknowledgment (initial)

(c) _____ Purchaser has received copies of all information listed above.

(d) _____ Purchaser has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*.

(e) Purchaser has (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) _____ received a 10-day opportunity (or mutually agreed upon period) to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards; or

(ii) _____ waived the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)

(f) _____ Agent has informed the seller of the seller's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852d and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

Certification of Accuracy

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

Seller	Date	Seller	Date
Purchaser	Date	Purchaser	Date
Agent	Date	Agent	Date



Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



United States Environmental Protection Agency



United States Consumer Product Safety Commission



United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

June 2017

Simple Steps to Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards

If you think your home has lead-based paint:

- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
- Always keep painted surfaces in good condition to minimize deterioration.
- Get your home checked for lead hazards. Find a certified inspector or risk assessor at epa.gov/lead.
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe certified renovation firms.
- Before buying, renting, or renovating your home, have it checked for lead-based paint.
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.
- Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering your house.

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Are You Planning to Buy or Rent a Home Built Before 1978?

Did you know that many homes built before 1978 have **lead-based paint**? Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards.

Read this entire brochure to learn:

- How lead gets into the body
- How lead affects health
- What you can do to protect your family
- Where to go for more information

Before renting or buying a pre-1978 home or apartment, federal law requires:

- Sellers must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before selling a house.
- Real estate sales contracts must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.
- Landlords must disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint.

If undertaking renovations, repairs, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or apartment:

- Read EPA's pamphlet, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*, to learn about the lead-safe work practices that contractors are required to follow when working in your home (see page 12).



Lead Gets into the Body in Many Ways

Adults and children can get lead into their bodies if they:

- Breathe in lead dust (especially during activities such as renovations, repairs, or painting that disturb painted surfaces).
- Swallow lead dust that has settled on food, food preparation surfaces, and other places.
- Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

Lead is especially dangerous to children under the age of 6.

- At this age, children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.



Women of childbearing age should know that lead is dangerous to a developing fetus.

- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

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Health Effects of Lead

Lead affects the body in many ways. It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

In children, exposure to lead can cause:

- Nervous system and kidney damage
- Learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- Speech, language, and behavior problems
- Poor muscle coordination
- Decreased muscle and bone growth
- Hearing damage



While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high amounts of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and in some cases, death.

Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults, too.

In adults, exposure to lead can cause:

- Harm to a developing fetus
- Increased chance of high blood pressure during pregnancy
- Fertility problems (in men and women)
- High blood pressure
- Digestive problems
- Nerve disorders
- Memory and concentration problems
- Muscle and joint pain

Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

In general, the older your home or childcare facility, the more likely it has lead-based paint.¹

Many homes, including private, federally-assisted, federally-owned housing, and childcare facilities built before 1978 have lead-based paint. In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint.²

Learn how to determine if paint is lead-based paint on page 7.

Lead can be found:

- In homes and childcare facilities in the city, country, or suburbs,
- In private and public single-family homes and apartments,
- On surfaces inside and outside of the house, and
- In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources, such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Learn more about where lead is found at epa.gov/lead.

¹ "Lead-based paint" is currently defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter (mg/cm), or more than 0.5% by weight.

² "Lead-containing paint" is currently defined by the federal government as lead in new dried paint in excess of 90 parts per million (ppm) by weight.

Check Your Family for Lead

Get your children and home tested if you think your home has lead.

Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect lead. Blood lead tests are usually recommended for:

- Children at ages 1 and 2
- Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead
- Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan

Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.

Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged paint) is a hazard and needs immediate attention. **Lead-based paint** may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear and tear, such as:

- On windows and window sills
- Doors and door frames
- Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches

Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition and if it is not on an impact or friction surface like a window.

Lead dust can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Lead dust also forms when painted surfaces containing lead bump or rub together. Lead paint chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can reenter the air when the home is vacuumed or swept, or when people walk through it. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in dust as hazardous:

- 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ and higher for interior window sills

Lead in soil can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in soil as hazardous:

- 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil
- 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard

Remember, lead from paint chips—which you can see—and lead dust—which you may not be able to see—both can be hazards.

The only way to find out if paint, dust, or soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes how to do this.

Checking Your Home for Lead

You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- A **lead-based paint inspection** tells you if your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether your home currently has lead hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a lead-based paint inspector, will conduct a paint inspection using methods, such as:
 - Portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine
 - Lab tests of paint samples
- A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a risk assessor, will:
 - Sample paint that is deteriorated on doors, windows, floors, stairs, and walls
 - Sample dust near painted surfaces and sample bare soil in the yard
 - Get lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples
- A combination inspection and risk assessment tells you if your home has any lead-based paint and if your home has any lead hazards, and where both are located.



Be sure to read the report provided to you after your inspection or risk assessment is completed, and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

What You Can Do Now to Protect Your Family

If you suspect that your house has lead-based paint hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:

- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. (Remember: never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.)
- Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.
- Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas, and again afterward.
- Wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe Certified renovation firms (see page 12).
- Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron, and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

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Checking Your Home for Lead, continued

In preparing for renovation, repair, or painting work in a pre-1978 home, Lead-Safe Certified renovators (see page 12) may:

- Take paint chip samples to determine if lead-based paint is present in the area planned for renovation and send them to an EPA-recognized lead lab for analysis. In housing receiving federal assistance, the person collecting these samples must be a certified lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor
- Use EPA-recognized tests kits to determine if lead-based paint is absent (but not in housing receiving federal assistance)
- Presume that lead-based paint is present and use lead-safe work practices

There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency for more information, visit epa.gov/lead, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.³

Reducing Lead Hazards

Disturbing lead-based paint or removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.

- In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition, you can **temporarily** reduce lead-based paint hazards by taking actions, such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover lead-contaminated soil. These actions are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- You can minimize exposure to lead when renovating, repairing, or painting by hiring an EPA- or state-certified renovator who is trained in the use of lead-safe work practices. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, learn how to use lead-safe work practices in your home.
- To remove lead hazards permanently, you should hire a certified lead abatement contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent control.



Always use a certified contractor who is trained to address lead hazards safely.

- Hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm (see page 12) to perform renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects that disturb painted surfaces.
- To correct lead hazards permanently, hire a certified lead abatement professional. This will ensure your contractor knows how to work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly.

Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

³ Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Reducing Lead Hazards, continued

If your home has had lead abatement work done or if the housing is receiving federal assistance, once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be conducted until clearance testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following levels:

- 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills
- 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs

For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 14 and 15), or visit epa.gov/lead, or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

Other Sources of Lead

Lead in Drinking Water

The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures.

Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986.

You can't smell or taste lead in drinking water.

To find out for certain if you have lead in drinking water, have your water tested.

Remember older homes with a private well can also have plumbing materials that contain lead.

Important Steps You Can Take to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes.
- Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).
- If you use a filter certified to remove lead, don't forget to read the directions to learn when to change the cartridge. Using a filter after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead.

Contact your water company to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead. Your area's water company can also provide information about the lead levels in your system's drinking water.

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have other questions about lead poisoning prevention, call 1-800-424-LEAD.*

Call your local health department or water company to find out about testing your water, or visit epa.gov/safewater for EPA's lead in drinking water information. Some states or utilities offer programs to pay for water testing for residents. Contact your state or local water company to learn more.

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Renovating, Repairing or Painting a Home with Lead-Based Paint

If you hire a contractor to conduct renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or childcare facility (such as pre-school and kindergarten), your contractor must:

- Be a Lead-Safe Certified firm approved by EPA or an EPA-authorized state program
- Use qualified trained individuals (Lead-Safe Certified renovators) who follow specific lead-safe work practices to prevent lead contamination
- Provide a copy of EPA's lead hazard information document, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*



RRP contractors working in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities must follow lead-safe work practices that:

- **Contain the work area.** The area must be contained so that dust and debris do not escape from the work area. Warning signs must be put up, and plastic or other impermeable material and tape must be used.
- **Avoid renovation methods that generate large amounts of lead-contaminated dust.** Some methods generate so much lead-contaminated dust that their use is prohibited. They are:
 - Open-flame burning or torching
 - Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment
 - Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F
- **Clean up thoroughly.** The work area should be cleaned up daily. When all the work is done, the area must be cleaned up using special cleaning methods.
- **Dispose of waste properly.** Collect and seal waste in a heavy duty bag or sheeting. When transported, ensure that waste is contained to prevent release of dust and debris.

To learn more about EPA's requirements for RRP projects, visit epa.gov/getleadSAFE, or read *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*.

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Other Sources of Lead, continued

- **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.
- **Your job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your body or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.
- **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture. Call your local health department for information about hobbies that may use lead.
- **Old toys and furniture** may have been painted with lead-containing paint. Older toys and other children's products may have parts that contain lead.*
- Food and liquids cooked or stored in **lead crystal** or **lead-glazed pottery or porcelain** may contain lead.
- Folk remedies, such as "**greta**" and "**azarcon**," used to treat an upset stomach.

* In 1978, the federal government banned toys, other children's products, and furniture with lead-containing paint. In 2008, the federal government banned lead in most children's products. The federal government currently bans lead in excess of 100 ppm by weight in most children's products.

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For More Information

The National Lead Information Center

Learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and get other information about lead hazards on the Web at epa.gov/lead and hud.gov/lead, or call 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

For information about lead in drinking water, call 1-800-426-4791, or visit epa.gov/safewater for information about lead in drinking water.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline

For information on lead in toys and other consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, call 1-800-638-2772, or visit CPSC's website at cpsc.gov or saferproducts.gov.

State and Local Health and Environmental Agencies

Some states, tribes, and cities have their own rules related to lead-based paint. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your state or local contacts on the Web at epa.gov/lead, or contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.

Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access any of the phone numbers in this brochure through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

The CPSC protects the public against unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, and enforcement. Contact CPSC for further information regarding consumer product safety and regulations.

CPSC

4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814-4421
1-800-638-2772
cpsc.gov or saferproducts.gov

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. Contact HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for further information regarding the Lead Safe Housing Rule, which protects families in pre-1978 assisted housing, and for the lead hazard control and research grant programs.

HUD

451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8236
Washington, DC 20410-3000
(202) 402-7698
hud.gov/offices/lead/

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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Offices

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, OES 05-4
Boston, MA 02109-3912
(888) 372-7341

Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
Building 205, Mail Stop 225
Edison, NJ 08837-3679
(732) 321-6671

Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 814-2088

Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 4
AFC Tower, 12th Floor, Air, Pesticides & Toxics
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8998

Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 886-7836

Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 66 Tribes)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
(214) 665-2704

Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
WWPD/TOPE
Lenexa, KS 66219
(800) 223-0425

Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop St.
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 312-6966

Region 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 9 (CMD-4-2)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 947-4280

Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 10
Solid Waste & Toxics Unit (WCM-128)
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 553-1200

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IMPORTANT!

Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil in and Around Your Home Can Be Dangerous if Not Managed Properly

- Children under 6 years old are most at risk for lead poisoning in your home.
- Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- Homes, schools, and child care facilities built before 1978 are likely to contain lead-based paint.
- Even children who seem healthy may have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.
- Disturbing surfaces with lead-based paint or removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.
- People can get lead into their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- People have many options for reducing lead hazards. Generally, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard (see page 10).