



Residential Lease Package

Michael Cummins

LANDLORD

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Hayley Tang, Katheryn Serrano

TENANT

August 1, 2026

LEASE START DATE



RESIDENTIAL LEASE PACKAGE

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RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT

This agreement, dated December 26, 2025, is between Michael Cummins and Ellen Tang, Riya Mallavarapu, Alessandra Lucero, Hayley Tang and Katheryn Serrano.

1. LANDLORD:

The Landlord(s) and/or agent(s) is/are:
Michael Cummins (Owner)
and will be referred to in this Lease Agreement as "Landlord."

2. TENANT:

The Tenant(s) is/are:
Ellen Tang
Riya Mallavarapu
Alessandra Lucero
Hayley Tang
Katheryn Serrano
and will be referred to in this Lease Agreement as "Tenant."

3. RENTAL PROPERTY:

The Landlord agrees to rent to the Tenant the property described as a(n) townhouse located at 3020 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21218, which will be referred to in this Lease as the "Leased Premises."

4. TERM OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

The Lease Agreement will begin on August 1, 2026 and will end on July 31, 2028.

5. USE & OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY:

- A. The only person(s) living in the Leased Premises is/are: Ellen Tang, Riya Mallavarapu, Alessandra Lucero, Hayley Tang, Katheryn Serrano
- B. Any change in occupancy will require written consent of the Landlord and may be subject to an adjustment in the amount of rent.
- C. The Tenant will use the Leased Premises only as a residence.

6. RENT:

- A. The amount of the Rent is \$4,200.00 to be paid monthly.
- B. The rent is due in advance on or before the 1st day of each month. The rent due date is the date the Landlord must receive the Tenant's payment.
- C. Tenant(s) agree to pay the rent and all additional rent when due on time, without demand. All additional charges, costs and fees set forth throughout this Lease Agreement, are considered to be additional rent. Upon the non-payment of additional rent, Landlord will have the same rights to proceed against the Tenant(s) for the collection or eviction as if Tenant(s) defaulted on the rental payment.
- D. Rental payments are made payable to: Michael Cummins
- E. Rental payments paid by Certified Check, Personal Check, and/or Money Order shall be delivered to the Landlord at: Michael Cummins, 3008 Holly Street, Alexandria, VA 22305
- F. Rent may be paid by using the following electronic payment method(s): EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) or PayPal / Online Transfer. Electronic payments such as those made via a credit/debit card, EFT or online payment processors such as PayPal refers to the network of banking institutions that have agreed to process transactions (usually instantly and automatically) electronically with no paper tender such as checks, money orders and/or cash or any other form of paper tender that is hand processed through a bank, financial institution clearinghouse or the Federal Reserve system.
- G. If an electronic payment is not paid by the financial institution on or before the date due as specified in this Lease, it shall be treated as a "Late Payment" under the terms and conditions contained in this Residential Lease Agreement.

- H. If an electronic payment fails to clear or is returned unpaid by the financial institution on or before the date due as specified in this Lease, it shall be treated as a "Returned Payment" under the terms and conditions contained in this Residential Lease Agreement.
- I. The rent for year 1 is \$4200 per month. The rent increases by \$100 to \$4300 per month for year 2.

7. FUNDS COLLECTED ON OR BEFORE LEASE SIGNING:

The following funds are due on or before the signing of this Lease Agreement unless otherwise agreed to in writing:

First Month's Rent	\$4,200.00
Security Deposit	\$4,200.00 (R)
TOTAL DUE	\$8,400.00

Funds marked with (R) are refundable in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Lease and all applicable laws, while funds marked with (NR) are non-refundable fees.

8. LATE FEE:

- A. If the rent or any other charges are not received by the Landlord on or before 5 days after the rent due date, Tenant must pay a late fee of 5% of the monthly rental payment in addition to the rent.
- B. Payments received by Landlord when there are arrearages, shall be credited first, to any outstanding balance, and then applied to the current amount due.

9. RETURNED PAYMENTS:

- A. A returned payment fee of \$35 will be added for all returned payments. A personal check will not be accepted as payment to replace a returned payment.
- B. If there are 2 or more instances of returned payments, Tenant(s) agree that the Landlord may require all future payments to be made only by PayPal / Online Transfer.
- C. If your financial institution returns your rental payment and causes the rental payment to be late, a late charge will apply.

10. SECURITY DEPOSIT:

- A. The Tenant(s) have paid to the Landlord a Security Deposit of \$4,200.00.
- B. Tenant agrees that this security deposit is intended to secure the faithful performance by the Tenant of all terms, covenants and conditions of this Lease Agreement including but not limited to the cost of damages beyond normal wear and tear, unreturned keys, unpaid rent and any other amount due and legally allowable under the terms of this Lease Agreement and in accordance with state and local laws and regulations.
- C. Tenant may be responsible for any unpaid charges or attorney fees, suffered by the Landlord by reason of Tenant's default of this Lease in accordance with state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Under no circumstance can the Security Deposit be used as payment for rent and/or other charges due during the term of this Lease Agreement.
- E. Landlord's recovery of damages will not be limited to the amount of the Security Deposit.

11. ENDING THE LEASE:

- A. At the end of this Lease Agreement, Tenant must vacate and shall immediately and peacefully surrender and return to the Landlord the possession of the Leased Premises in as good condition as when Tenant took possession less normal wear and tear. The Leased Premises shall be cleared out of all occupants, furniture, personal articles, and effects of any kind.

12. UTILITIES & SERVICES:

- A. Tenant is responsible for the following utilities and services: Electricity, Water, Gas, and Internet and is required to register the utilities and services in Tenant's name. Tenant understands and agrees that essential services are to be maintained and operational at all times.

13. APPLIANCES:

- A. Landlord will supply but Tenant(s) will maintain: Washing Machine, Dryer, Air Conditioner, Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Microwave, Stove, and Garbage Disposal.
- I. Tenant will keep appliances provided by Landlord in good working order and shall report any malfunction to the Landlord. Any damage sustained due to the neglect or misuse by Tenant will become the full responsibility of the Tenant, either in the appliance repair or replacement.
- II. Tenant agrees that the items specified above are the property of the Landlord and will remain with the Leased Premises at the end of this lease term.
- B. Tenant must have written approval before installing any appliance. Landlord accepts no responsibility for the maintenance, repair or upkeep of any appliance supplied by the Tenant. Tenant agrees Tenant is responsible for any damage that occurs to the Leased Premises resulting from the addition of any appliance that is supplied by the Tenant.

14. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS:

The Tenant is responsible for all repairs needed in or about the Leased Premises.

- A. The Tenant must keep the Leased Premises clean and sanitary at all times and remove all rubbish, garbage, and other waste, in a clean, tidy and sanitary manner.
- B. Tenant must abide by all local recycling regulations.
- C. The Tenant shall properly use and operate all electrical, cooking and plumbing fixtures and keep them clean and sanitary.
- D. The Tenant is not permitted to paint, make any alterations, improvements or additions to the Leased Premises without first obtaining the written permission of the Landlord. The Landlord's permission to a particular painting, alteration, improvement, or addition shall not be deemed as consent to future painting, alterations, improvements, or additions.
- E. The Tenant is responsible for removing snow and ice from stairs and walkways.
- F. The Tenant shall maintain the lawn and landscaping by cutting grass, removing weeds and pruning trees.
- G. The Tenant shall provide the Tenant's own pest control services.
- H. Tenant must replace and/or clean the filters for the heater and/or air conditioner on a regular basis.
- I. Landlord is responsible for any repairs related to the furnace and roof. Tenant is responsible for first \$200 per appliance repair. All other repairs are tenant responsibility.

15. CONDITION OF PROPERTY:

- A. The Tenant acknowledges that the Tenant has inspected the Leased Premises and at the commencement of this Lease Agreement, the interior and exterior of the Leased Premises, as well as all equipment and any appliances are found to be in an acceptable condition and in good working order.
- B. The Tenant agrees that neither the Landlord nor the Landlord's agent have made promises regarding the condition of the Leased Premises.
- C. The Tenant agrees to return the Leased Premises to Landlord at end of the Lease Agreement in the same condition it was at the beginning of the Lease Agreement.

16. PETS:

- A. The following pets are allowed: Tenant can request approval for a pet at any time during the duration of the lease. Once approved, a pet lease addendum will be drafted for signature and amended to the lease agreement.

17. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The Landlord and Tenant agree to the following extra services, charges and/or special terms:

The premises will be available in a reasonably safe, habitable condition. Lower garden level apartment is not included as part of lease. Utilities are cost-shared with occupant(s) of lower level. Lower level is responsible for 25% of monthly electric, gas, and water bills paid by upper level. Garage is shared with lower level occupant(s).

18. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- A. Vehicles parked on premises must be in working order with necessary registrations and/or inspections.
- B. Late fees are strictly enforced and any unpaid fees will not be waived.
- C. Absolutely no smoking or vaping of any kind is permitted in the leased premises.

- D. The Tenant may not interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the neighbors.
- E. The Tenant will be responsible for any fine and/or violation that is imposed on the Landlord due to the Tenant's negligence.
- F. The Tenant shall abide by all Federal, State, and Local laws.
- G. The Tenant shall notify the police and Landlord of any illegal activity that is witnessed in or around the Leased Premises.
- H. The Tenant agrees to test smoke detector(s) periodically as well as maintain operational batteries at all times.
- I. The Tenant must report any malfunction with smoke detector(s) immediately to Landlord. The Tenant agrees not to remove, dismantle or take any action to interfere with the operation of any smoke detector(s) installed on the Leased Premises.
- J. The Tenant agrees to test carbon monoxide detector(s) periodically as well as maintain operational batteries at all times. The Tenant must report immediately to the Landlord any malfunction with carbon monoxide detector(s).
- K. The Landlord has provided fire extinguisher(s) for your safety. The Tenant may not misuse, dismantle, block or remove the fire extinguisher. The Tenant must report to the Landlord any use, malfunction or repair required. In the event of the negligent use of the fire extinguisher(s), the Tenant will be responsible for any damage to the Leased Premises as well as the replacement or refill of the fire extinguisher.
- L. Absolutely no hazardous materials are permitted to be in or around the Leased Premises at any time.
- M. The Tenant may not use or store Kerosene or space heaters at any time in or around the Leased Premises.
- N. Charcoal and Gas Barbecue grills may not be used inside the Leased Premises.
- O. All windows and doors must remain closed during inclement weather.
- P. The Tenant shall notify Landlord of any pest control problems.
- Q. Charcoal and Gas Barbecue grills may not be used or stored on any common areas, balconies, decks, patios, porches, and/or landings or entranceways.
- R. Landlord does not permit loud gatherings. A disturbance caused by Tenant or Tenant's occupants or invitees that results in any police action or complaints from neighbors is considered sufficient cause for termination of this Lease and action for eviction as permitted by law.
- S. Tenant agrees to maintain an air temperature inside the property of 50-80 degrees Fahrenheit at all times, unless otherwise specified by state or local laws.
- T. When a Tenant breaches any part of the lease, the landlord may impose a fine of \$50-\$100 per incident, as a reasonable estimate of costs and damages incurred by tenant. Nothing in this clause shall limit landlord's ability to seek and recover additional funds where the costs incurred by tenant and/or damages suffered exceed the amount listed here.
- U. Both Landlord and Tenant agree to update either party with change of email or phone number.

19. ADDENDA:

The following Addenda, attached to this Lease Agreement, shall become part of this Lease Agreement:

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| A. Pest Control - Bed Bug Addendum | E. Smoke-Free Property Addendum |
| B. Maryland Security Deposit Receipt | F. Move-In/Move-Out Walk-Through Checklist |
| C. Lease Co-Signer Agreement | G. Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention- Notice of Tenants' Rights |
| D. Lead-Based Paint Disclosure & Certification (1a) | H. Lead Paint Pamphlet (EPA) for Units Built Before 1978 (1b) |

20. INSURANCE:

Although not required, Tenant is encouraged to obtain personal property/renter's insurance with an insurance company properly licensed to do business in the state. Tenant is solely responsible for any damage or loss of the Tenant's personal property to the extent that the law permits.

21. SECURITY NOT PROMISED:

The Tenant has inspected and acknowledges that all locks and smoke detectors are in working order. Any provided fire extinguishers, security alarm systems, and/or carbon monoxide detectors have also been inspected by the Tenant and are in sound working order. Tenant understands that although the Landlord makes every effort to make the Leased Premises safe and secure, this in no way creates a promise of security.

22. RIGHT OF ENTRY:

- A. Landlord and/or Landlord's agents, with 24 hours written notice have the right during the term of this Lease Agreement to enter during reasonable hours to inspect the premises, make repairs or improvements or show prospective buyers and/or Tenant(s) the property.

- B. In the event of an emergency, Landlord reserves the right to enter Leased Premises without notice. It is required that Landlord have a working set of keys and/or security codes to gain access to the Leased Premises.
 - I. Tenants will not change, or install additional locks, bolts or security systems without the written permission of the Landlord.
 - II. Unauthorized installation or changing of any locks will be replaced at the Tenant's expense.
 - III. Tenant shall be responsible for any and all damages that may occur as a result of forcible entry during an emergency where there is an unauthorized placement of a lock.

23. NOTICES:

- A. Any notice, required by the terms of this Lease Agreement shall be in writing.
- B. Notices sent to the Landlord may be sent to the following:
 - I. 3008 Holly Street, Alexandria, VA, 22305
 - II. Email: impacttext@comcast.net
- C. Notices may be given by either party to the other in any of the following ways, or any other manner provided for by law:
 - I. Regular mail
 - II. Personal delivery
 - III. Certified or registered mail, return receipt requested
 - IV. Email

24. ABANDONMENT:

If Tenant vacates the Leased Premises before the end of the Lease term or renewal thereof without written permission from the Landlord, Landlord may, at Landlord's sole discretion, hold Tenant in default of this Lease Agreement. If the Tenant fails to follow proper move out procedures, Tenant will be responsible for any and all damages and losses allowed by federal, state and local regulations as well as this Lease.

25. LANDLORD'S REMEDIES:

If Tenant violates any part of this Lease Agreement including non-payment of rent, the Tenant is in default of this Lease Agreement. In the event of a default, the Landlord may initiate legal proceedings in accordance with local and state regulations to evict or have Tenant removed from the Leased Premises as well as seek judgment against Tenant for any monies owed to Landlord as a result of Tenant's default.

- A. The Tenant agrees that any expenses and/or damages incurred as a result of a breach of the Lease Agreement including reasonable attorney's fees will be paid to the prevailing party.
- B. The Tenant agrees that any court costs and/or fees incurred as a result of a breach of the Lease Agreement will be paid to the Landlord or the prevailing party.

26. SUBORDINATION:

This Lease Agreement is subject and subordinate to any lease, financing, loans, other arrangements, or right to possession with regards to the building or land that the Landlord is obligated to now or in the future including existing and future financing, and/or loans or leases on the building and land.

27. CONDEMNATION:

If the whole or any part of the Leased Premises is taken by any authority having power of condemnation, this Lease Agreement will end. Tenant shall peaceably vacate the Leased Premises and remove all personal property and the lease terms will no longer apply. The Tenant, however is responsible for all rent and charges until such time that Tenant vacates the Leased Premises.

28. ASSIGNMENT OR SUBLEASE:

Tenant agrees not to transfer, assign or sublease the Leased Premises without the Landlord's written permission.

29. JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY:

The Tenant understands and agrees that if there is more than one Tenant that has signed the Lease Agreement, each Tenant is individually and completely responsible for all obligations under the terms of the Lease Agreement.

30. MISREPRESENTATION:

If any information provided by Tenant in application for this Lease is found to be knowingly incorrect, untruthful and/or misleading, it is a breach of this Lease.

31. BINDING OF HEIRS AND ASSIGNS:

All provisions, terms and conditions of this Lease Agreement shall be binding to Tenant, Landlord, their Heirs, Assignees and Legal Successors.

32. SEVERABILITY:

If any part of this Lease Agreement is not valid, enforceable, binding or legal, it will not cancel or void the rest of this Lease Agreement. The remainder of the Lease Agreement will continue to be valid and enforceable by the Landlord, to the maximum extent of the laws and regulations set forth by local, state and federal governments.

33. GOVERNING LAW:

This Agreement shall be governed, construed and interpreted by, through and under the Laws of the State of Maryland.

34. ADDITIONAL CLAUSES:

- A. Landlord's acceptance of rental payments is not a waiver of any default by the Tenant.
- B. **Move-in/Move Out Inspection:** Tenants have the right to be present during a property inspection for the purpose of making a list of damages that may exist at the beginning (move-in) of the Lease Agreement and at the end (move-out) of the Lease Agreement.

This request must be made in writing within fifteen (15) days prior to the beginning of the Lease agreement for the move-in inspection. A Request for a move-out inspection must be made at least fifteen (15) days prior to the ending of the Lease Agreement along with the Tenant's intention to vacate, the date of moving, and the tenant's forwarding address.

The Landlord must conduct the inspection within five (5) days before or after the Tenant's date of moving. Landlord will notify tenant of the time and date of inspection.

35. PARAGRAPH HEADINGS:

Paragraph headings in this Lease Agreement are for convenient reference only and do not represent the rights or obligations of the Landlord or Tenant.

36. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

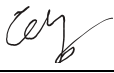
- A. Landlord and Tenant agree that this Lease Agreement and any attached Addenda, Rules and Regulations, and/or Special Terms and Conditions accurately represent all terms and agreements between the Landlord and Tenant regarding the Leased Premises.
- B. Tenant acknowledges the receipt of any disclosures required by the State of Maryland as well as any disclosures required by federal, state, and local jurisdictions.

NOTICE: This is an important LEGAL document.

- You may have an attorney review the Lease Agreement prior to signing it.
- If the Landlord fails to enforce any provision of this Lease Agreement, it will not constitute a waiver of any default, future default or default of the remaining provisions.
- Time is of the essence in this Lease Agreement.

By signing this Lease Agreement, the Tenant certifies that the Tenant has read, understood, and agrees to comply with all of the terms, conditions, Rules, and Regulations of this Lease Agreement including any addenda and that the Tenant has received the following:

1. Copies of all Addenda, Rules and Regulations, Special Terms and Conditions, and Applications.
2. All necessary Key(s), Garage Door Opener(s), Security Card(s), and/or Auto Sticker(s) to the Leased Premises.

Tenant's Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u>12 / 26 / 2025</u>
Tenant's Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u>12 / 27 / 2025</u>
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Tenant's Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u>12 / 28 / 2025</u>
Tenant's Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u>12 / 28 / 2025</u>
Co-Signer Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u></u>
Co-Signer Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u></u>
Co-Signer Signature:	<u></u>	Date: <u></u>
Landlord/Agent Signature:	<u>Michael Cummins</u>	Date: <u>12 / 26 / 2025</u>



UTILITY COMPANY INFORMATION

As a courtesy, we are providing the utility company information for the property to assist you with moving in.

IMPORTANT:

Before the Lease begins and/or you move in, you must contact the utility companies to activate service. The Tenant may not move in until the utilities are registered in their name. If the Tenant fails to activate any utility services before the Lease begins, the Tenant will be responsible for re-lighting any of the Gas pilots and for all Tenant utility charges.

The Tenant is responsible for all utility activation fees.

Please take the time to locate and familiarize yourself with the location of the gas and water shutoff valves and the electric fuses and/or breakers.

Baltimore Gas & Electric
PO Box 1475
Baltimore, MD 21203
Phone: (800) 685-0123
<http://www.bge.com>

City of Baltimore Metered Water Bill
PO Box 17535
Baltimore, MD 21297
Phone: (410) 396-5531
<http://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/water>

Comcast
10946 Golden West Drive
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
Phone: (410) 427-6000
<http://www.comcast.com>

Find USPS change-of-address forms at <http://moversguide.usps.com>.

PEST CONTROL - BED BUG ADDENDUM

Leased Premises: 3020 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218

This Pest Control-Bed Bug Addendum is incorporated into and made part of the lease executed by and between the Landlord and Tenants, for the Leased Premises above.

LANDLORD AFFIRMATION. The Landlord affirms and acknowledges that the Premises have been inspected prior to the start of this Lease Agreement and, upon the conclusion of the inspection, the Landlord is not aware of any bed bug infestation. The Landlord also affirms that there has never been a bed bug infestation in the Leased Premises to his knowledge.

TENANT AFFIRMATION. The Tenant affirms that all furnishings and personal belongings will be inspected prior to being moved into the Premises and are free of any bed bugs. The Tenant agrees to abide by all requirements of this Addendum for the duration of the tenancy.

INSPECTION. The Tenant agrees to continually monitor for the presence of bed bugs. The Tenant specifically agrees to check their personal belongings before reentering the Premises in the following situations: (a) Tenant stayed at a hotel or another home; (b) Tenant used public transportation; or (c) Tenant visited a public venue.

TENANT'S DUTY TO REPORT. It is the Tenant's responsibility to immediately inform the Landlord of any apparent bed bug infestation.

LANDLORD ACCESS. The Tenant will provide the Landlord access to the Premises within twenty-four (24) hours of their notification to the Landlord of a potential bed bug infestation. In accordance with this Addendum and the Lease Agreement, the Tenant shall also allow access to any professional pest management company hired by the Landlord to remedy an infestation.

COOPERATION. The Tenant agrees to fully cooperate with the Landlord regarding all bed bug control efforts. The Tenant agrees that if their premises, or a neighbor's premises, becomes infected with bed bugs, they shall comply with all requirements by the Landlord and/or the pest management company hired to eradicate the bed bug infestation. Tenant acknowledges that cooperation may include evacuating the Premises during and after treatment for a certain timeframe and following all post-treatment requirements to prevent any re-infestations.

PROHIBITIONS. In order to minimize the potential for bed bug infestation, the Tenant agrees to avoid common practices that frequently lead to said infestation. These prohibitions specifically include, but are not limited to, purchasing or acquiring secondhand furniture for use at the Premises or the use of another individual's vacuum cleaner.

RENTER'S INSURANCE. The Tenant acknowledges that the Landlord shall not be liable for the loss or damage of any of the Tenant's personal belongings. The Tenant is instructed to secure insurance to cover any potential loss due to a bed bug infestation.

VIOLATIONS. Any violation of this Addendum is a violation of the aforementioned Lease Agreement and is subject to the actions set forth in the Lease Agreement for violations and damages.

Landlord and Tenant agree as follows (check all that apply):

 X Tenant agrees to be responsible for any such infestation and necessary treatments to eradicate.

 X In case of any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Residential Lease Agreement and this Pest Control-Bed Bug Addendum, the provisions of this Pest Control-Bed Bug Addendum shall prevail.

Landlord's Signature: Michael Cummins Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: [Signature] Date: _____

Tenant's Signature: Angela Hallam Date: 12 / 27 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: Alex Lucero Date: _____

SMOKE-FREE PROPERTY ADDENDUM

This Smoke-Free Property Addendum is incorporated into and made part of the lease agreement.

The Landlord has implemented a “No Smoking” policy due to the known health effects of secondhand smoke, increased costs incurred due to additional maintenance and cleaning, fire risks, and higher insurance costs associated with permitted smoking in the building.

For this Smoke-Free Property Addendum, smoking is defined as inhaling, breathing, or carrying and lit cigarette, cigar, pipe, vape device, or other tobacco or non-tobacco smoked product in any form, legal and illegal.

The Tenant(s), occupants, and Tenant’s invitees and guests acknowledge the Leased Premises are designated as a smoke-free living space. No smoking anywhere within the rental unit is permitted. Where applicable, smoking shall not be permitted in any common areas, including but not limited to hallways, adjoining grounds, balconies and/or patios.

Tenant(s) acknowledges that the Landlord does not promise or guarantee of smoke-free living space. Additionally, Tenant(s) acknowledges that Landlord's implementation of smoke-free living space does not make the Landlord responsible for the Tenant's health or of the smoke-free condition of the Tenant's unit and the common areas. However, Landlord will try to enforce the terms within this Smoke-Free Property Addendum with the Lease to create a smoke-free environment.

Tenant accepts that Landlord has limited ability to police, monitor, or enforce the terms of this Smoke-Free Property Addendum. Tenant understands enforcement depends upon the compliance of the Tenant(s), occupants, Tenant’s guests, and invitees. Landlord puts on notice any Tenant(s) with respiratory illnesses, diseases, allergies, or any other physical or mental condition relating to the effects of smoke that the Landlord assumes no greater duty of care to enforce this Addendum than any other landlord obligation under the Lease.

If the Tenant violates any part of this Addendum, the Tenant agrees to pay a fee of \$450 as a reasonable estimate of damages incurred by the Landlord.

If the Tenant violates any part of this Addendum, the Tenant will then be in default of the Lease. If a default occurs, the Landlord may initiate legal proceedings under all applicable laws and regulations to evict or have the Tenant removed from the Leased Premises and seek judgment against the Tenant for any monies owed to the Landlord because of the Tenant's default.

Move-In/Move-Out Walk-Through Checklist

Tenants: Ellen Tang, Riya Mallavarapu, Alessandra Lucero, Hayley Tang, Katheryn Serrano

Landlord: Michael Cummins

Property: 3020 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218

Lease Starting Date:

Move-In Inspection Date: _____

Move-Out Inspection Date: _____

Item	Move-in Condition	Move-out Condition	Additional Items
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Living Room Area			
Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Carpets / Floors			
Walls			
Ceiling Fans			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Dining Room Area			
Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Carpets / Floors			
Walls			
Ceiling Fans			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Hallway			
Carpets / Floors			
Walls			
Ceiling Fans			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Kitchen

Stove / Range			
Refrigerator			
Dishwasher			
Sink			
Cabinets / Countertops			
Windows and Screens			
Carpets / Flooring			
Walls			
Ceiling Fans			
Lights / Switches			
Additional Items			

Bathroom: *Describe - ie. Main, Hallways, Downstairs, Powder*

Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Carpet / Flooring			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Sink			
Tub and/or Shower			
Toilet			
Cabinet / Shelves / Closet			
Towel Bar / Paper Holder			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Bathroom: *Describe - ie. Main, Hallways, Downstairs, Powder*

Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Carpet / Flooring			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Sink			
Tub and/or Shower			
Toilet			
Cabinet / Shelves / Closet			
Towel Bar / Paper Holder			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Bedroom: *Describe - ie. Main, Hallways, Downstairs, Powder*

Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Carpet / Flooring			
Walls			
Ceiling Fan			
Closet			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

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Additional Items			

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Windows and Screens			
Carpet / Flooring			
Walls			
Ceiling Fan			
Closet			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Exterior

Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Siding / Exterior			
Fencing			
Front Yard			
Backyard			
Garage or Shed			
Additional Items			

Other Room: Name / Describe Room			
Doors and Locks			
Windows and Screens			
Carpets / Flooring			
Walls			
Ceilings fans			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

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Doors and Locks			
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Walls			
Ceilings fans			
Lights and Switches			
Additional Items			

Tenant accepts the entire Leased Premises in good condition with the exception of the item(s) listed above. Tenant understands that Tenant is responsible for any damage to the Leased Premises caused by the Tenant, all occupants, and/or guests during the occupancy.

Tenant's Signature: _____  Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: _____  Date: 12 / 27 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: _____  Date: 12 / 27 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: _____  Date: 12 / 28 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: _____  Date: 12 / 28 / 2025

Tenant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Landlord's Signature: _____ Michael Cummins Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

ADDENDUM: CO-SIGNER AGREEMENT

Landlord: Michael Cummins

Tenant: Ellen Tang, Riya Mallavarapu, Alessandra Lucero, Hayley Tang, Katheryn Serrano

Leased Premises: 3020 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218

This LEASE ADDENDUM is incorporated into and made part of the Lease executed by the Landlord and the Tenant referring to and incorporating the Leased Premises.

The Co-signer acknowledges, has read and understands the Lease Agreement and agrees to accept full responsibility for the fulfillment of all of the terms and conditions of the Lease including payment of rent and any other charges. The Co-signer will remain responsible for the entire term of the Lease including any renewal and will not be released without written consent from the Landlord.

The Co-signer guarantees payment of rent and any monetary damages suffered by the Landlord. This may include but is not limited to unpaid rent or late charges, non-reimbursed utility expenses, damages to the Leased Premises, as well as attorneys' fees, where applicable, in the enforcement of the Lease.

The Co-signer will not occupy the premises.

The Co-signer may receive notices of a violation or non-payment of rent but understands that it is not required of the Landlord.

This agreement may terminate or modify only upon completion of the Lease term, the end of the Lease or with the written consent for said changes from the Landlord. This agreement is binding upon heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of either the Landlord or the Cosigner.

Co-Signer Name: Claudia Tirado

Co-Signer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Landlord's Signature: _____

__Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

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Co-Signer Name: Dennis Tang

Co-Signer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Landlord's Signature: _____

__Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

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Co-Signer Name: Sandhya Salguti

Co-Signer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Landlord's Signature: _____

__Date: 12 / 26 / 2025



Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Notice of Tenants' Rights

INTRODUCTION

This Notice of Tenants' Rights explains your legal rights pursuant to the Maryland Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Law, which went into effect on February 24, 1996. Under this law, property owners are required to address all potential lead-based paint hazards in rental properties constructed prior to 1950, register and annually renew registration of their properties with Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and provide tenants with lead educational materials. This Notice of Tenant's Rights also provides a detailed explanation of what property owners are required to do to comply with the law, how to inform your landlord that repairs need to be performed in your home, and steps you can take to enforce your legal rights if your landlord refuses to respond to your request.

Please read this material carefully and call the Lead Hotline at 410-537-4199 or 800-776-2706 if you have any questions. (TTY Users 800-735-2258)

I HAVE JUST MOVED INTO A RENTAL DWELLING THAT WAS BUILT BEFORE 1950, WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

In order to be fully compliant with the law, your landlord is required to:

- 1) Give you the Notice of Tenant Rights, the EPA brochure, "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home," and a copy of the lead inspection certificate for the unit on or before the day you move in. The property owner may ask you to sign a statement acknowledging that you received these items.
- 2) Ensure that the property is currently registered with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and is required to pay a \$30.00 per property/unit registration fee.
- 3) Obtain a passing Full Risk Reduction certificate prior to you moving into the property.



DOES MY RENTAL DWELLING UNIT HAVE TO BE INSPECTED BEFORE I MOVE IN?

Yes. The property owner must have the unit inspected at the owner's expense. All inspections are required to be performed by an inspector accredited by MDE. If the house passes the inspection, the property owner will be given a Lead Paint Risk Reduction Inspection Certificate. This certificate will be on file at MDE. The owner is required to give you a copy of the inspection certificate when you

move in. If you wish to know the results of the inspection, ask your landlord or call the Lead Hotline at 410-537-4199, 1-800-776-2706, or TTY 800-735-2258.

ARE THERE OTHER TIMES THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER MUST COMPLY WITH SPECIAL STANDARDS WHILE I LIVE HERE?

Yes. When a child under six or a pregnant woman has an elevated blood lead level (EBL) 10 µg/dl or more, the local health department will inform the property owner of the obligation to meet the **Modified Risk Reduction Standard**.



The Modified Risk Reduction Standard must also be met when the property owner receives a written Notice of Defect that there are structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, and flaking paint in your home. Chipping, peeling and flaking paint in pre-1950 constructed rental properties is presumed to contain lead, which can be dangerous to you and your children.

The property owner will have 30 days to satisfy the Modified Reduction Standard after receipt of a written Notice of Elevated Blood Lead Level or Notice of Defect.

HOW DO I TELL THE PROPERTY OWNER ABOUT STRUCTURAL DEFECTS and/or THAT THERE IS CHIPPING, PEELING, AND FLAKING PAINT IN MY HOME?

You must send a notice to the property owner in writing. You may either write a letter or use a “Notice of Defect Form.” A sample copy of the form is attached on page 5. When sending a notice, it is suggested to send it **Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested** or **Hand Deliver** it to the property owner and obtain a signature evidencing receipt. This documentation is also useful when making a referral to MDE or your local housing department.



Once the property owner receives the notice, your property must satisfy the Modified Risk Reduction Standard within 30 days.

HOW DOES AN OWNER MEET THE MODIFIED RISK REDUCTION STANDARD?

Within 30 days after the receipt or a Notice of Elevated Blood Lead Level or Notice of Defect, the property owner provides for the temporary relocation of tenants to a lead free dwelling unit or another dwelling unit that has meet the full risk reduction standard;

OR

Within 30 days after the receipt or a Notice of Elevated Blood Lead Level or Notice of Defect, the property owner ensures that the property passes a test for lead contaminated dust and by performing certain lead hazard reduction treatments. The property owner must pay for those repairs and must use a contractors accredited by MDE to perform lead abatement work.

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SHOULD MY FAMILY STAY IN THE HOME WHILE REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE?

Nobody is permitted in the work area. Pregnant women and children under 6 years old are prohibited from being in the house while the lead hazard reduction treatments are being performed. If you are required to leave your house for more than 24 hours while treatments are performed, the property owner must pay for all your reasonable expenses directly related to your required relocation to temporary lead safe housing.

The property owner is also responsible for expenses related to the moving, storing, or cleaning of furniture, and possibly food costs for the family while work is being done in the home.

You must allow the property owner to enter your home to do the treatments.

The property owner is required to have the home inspected to verify the Modified Risk Reduction standard has been met. After all work is completed, an MDE accredited inspector must inspect the property to verify compliance with the Modified Risk Reduction standard.

WHAT IF MY LANDLORD HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THE LAW, OR HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO MY NOTICE?



1. Make a Referral

If you have given your landlord a written Notice of Defect or Notice of EBL and no repairs have been completed, you can make a referral to Maryland Department of the Environment's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program by calling 1-800-776-2706 or

410-537-3825. When making a referral, please provide copies of the Notice of Defect or Notice of EBL, along with any verification of receipt you may have.



2. Rent Escrow

Rent Escrow is a legal process that requires you to file a Complaint for Rent Escrow in the District Court in the county in which you live. If the District Court grants your request for an escrow account, you will be required to pay your rent into the District Court's escrow account instead of to your landlord. This provides an incentive for your landlord to complete repairs in your home that threaten the life, health, or safety of you and your family. In order to have an escrow account established based on lead hazards, you only need to prove that your landlord is not in compliance with Maryland's Lead Laws.

An escrow account is only established after all facts have been presented to a judge in a judicial proceeding. Therefore, it is suggested that you seek the advice and representation of an attorney.

3. Rent Protection

In 2004, the Maryland General Assembly enacted legislation requiring landlords to confirm their compliance with Maryland's Lead Risk Reduction in Housing Law when filing for repossession of property based on a tenant's failure to pay rent. If the property to be repossessed was constructed prior to 1950, the landlord must state that they are currently registered with Maryland Department of the Environment and provide the certificate number for the inspection conducted for the current tenancy. Failure to provide this information may result in the dismissal of the landlord's complaint.

4. Retaliatory Eviction

It is unlawful for your landlord to evict you for complaining about dangerous conditions present in your home, including the presence of peeling, chipping, and flaking paint. The law protects tenants against eviction and illegal rent increases initiated after notification. It is presumed that any attempt to evict a tenant or to raise the rent, except for nonpayment of rent, within two months after compliance with the applicable risk reduction standard, is in retaliation for the tenant's notification of dangerous conditions, and shall be void. It is also against the law for the property owner to evict you because there is someone in your home found to have a high blood lead level.



If you have any questions about the Maryland Lead Law, visit:

www.mde.state.md.us/lead or call the Lead Hotline at 410-537-4199 or toll-free at 1-800-776-2706, or TTY 1-800-735-2258.



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Notice of Defect/Notice of Elevated Blood Level

Send this notice by certified mail, return receipt requested or hand-deliver this notice and get a signature from the property owner or the property owner's agent or manager.

To: _____ Name of Property Owner _____ Property Owner Address _____ City, State, Zip	From: _____ Your Name _____ Your Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone
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Property Subject To This Notice: _____

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO MEET THE MODIFIED RISK REDUCTION STANDARD AS REQUIRED BY § 6-819 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND BECAUSE:

___ A child under the age of six years, or a pregnant woman, residing at the above address has been diagnosed with a blood lead level of 10 µg/dl or more on; **and/or**

___ The following defects require your attention:

The following areas contain peeling, chipping, flaking paint that is accessible to a child:

___ Living Room	___ Bathroom	___ Hallway	___ Door Frame
___ Dining Room	___ Front Porch	___ Stairway	___ Windows
___ Kitchen	___ Bedroom	___ Exterior Walls	___ Other _____

The following areas contain structural defects:

___ Living Room	___ Bathroom	___ Hallway	___ Door Frame
___ Dining Room	___ Front Porch	___ Stairway	___ Windows
___ Kitchen	___ Bedroom	___ Exterior Walls	___ Other _____

Other Hazardous Conditions:

PROPERTY OWNER / MANAGER SIGNATURE

I, _____ owner / manager of the above-noted property (circle one) hereby acknowledge receiving this Notice of Defect / EBL.

Signature _____ Date _____

MARYLAND SECURITY DEPOSIT RECEIPT

In accordance with Maryland Code 8-203.1; Tenant is being provided with this receipt for the payment of a security deposit along with the list of the tenant's rights concerning security deposits. The landlord has received from the Tenant a security deposit in the amount of \$3500.00. The tenant has the following rights:

1. A tenant has the right to have the Leased Premises inspected by the Landlord in the Tenant's presence to make a written list of damages that exist at the commencement of the tenancy if the Tenant so requests by certified mail within 15 days of the Tenant's occupancy.
2. The Tenant has the right to be present when the Landlord inspects the Leased Premises at the end of the tenancy to determine if any damage was done to the Leased Premises, if the Tenant notifies the Landlord by certified mail at least 15 days before the date of the Tenant's intended move, of the Tenant's intention to move, the date of moving, and the Tenant's new address.
3. The Landlord is obligated to conduct a move-out inspection within 5 days before or after the Tenant's stated date of intended moving.
4. The Landlord is obligated to notify the Tenant in writing of the date of the inspection.
5. The Tenant has the right to receive, by first class mail, delivered to the last known address of the Tenant, a written list of the charges against the security deposit claimed by the Landlord and the actual costs, within 45 days after the termination of the tenancy.
6. The Landlord is obligated to return any unused portion of the security deposit, by first-class mail addressed to the Tenant's last known address within 45 days after the termination of the tenancy.
7. Tenant understands that the failure of the Landlord to comply with the security deposit law may result in the Landlord being liable to the tenant for a penalty of up to 3 times the security deposit withheld, plus reasonable attorney's fees.
8. The landlord will retain a copy of the receipt for 2 years after the termination of the tenancy, abandonment of the premises, or eviction of the Tenant, as the case may be.
9. The landlord shall be liable to the Tenant of \$25 if the Landlord fails to provide a written receipt for the security deposit to the Tenant.

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

Lead Warning Statement

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, lessors must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Lessees must also receive a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

Lessor's (Landlord's) Disclosure

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

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

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

(b) Records and reports available to the lessor (initial (i) or (ii) below):

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

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

Lessee's (Tenant's) Acknowledgment (initial):

(c) ET Lessee has received copies of all information listed above.

(d) ET Lessee has received the pamphlet Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home.

Agent's Acknowledgment (initial):

e) _____ Agent has informed the lessor of the lessor's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852(d) and is aware of the 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.

Lessee's (Tenant's) Signature: _____ Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

Lessee's (Tenant's) Signature: _____ Date: 12 / 27 / 2025

Lessee's (Tenant's) Signature: _____ Date: 12 / 27 / 2025

Lessee's (Tenant's) Signature: _____ Date: 12 / 28 / 2025

Lessee's (Tenant's) Signature: _____ Date: 12 / 28 / 2025

Lessee's (Tenant's) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lessor's (Landlord's) Signature: Michael Cummins Date: 12 / 26 / 2025

Agent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



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United States
Consumer Product
Safety Commission



United States
Department of Housing
and Urban Development

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 or 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).



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](https://www.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.

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.

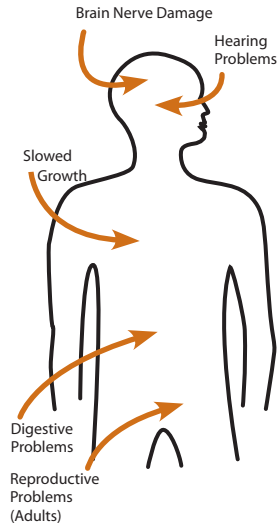
- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

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

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.

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](https://www.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/cm²), 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.

Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Deteriorated 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:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ 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.

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

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

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.

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 contractor. 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.

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:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills
- 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs

Abatements are designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards. However, lead dust can be reintroduced into an abated area.

- Use a HEPA vacuum on all furniture and other items returned to the area, to reduce the potential for reintroducing lead dust.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, troughs, and other hard surfaces with a damp cloth or sponge and a general all-purpose cleaner.

Please see page 9 for more information on steps you can take to protect your home after the abatement. For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 15 and 16), [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead), or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

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*.

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](https://www.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.

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

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.⁴
- 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.

⁴ 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.

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**.

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) 906-6809

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 (LL-17J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 353-3808

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.
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 (20-C04)
Air and Toxics Enforcement Section
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 553-1200

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 to Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes 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/lead

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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).



Working Together for Home Fire Safety

A Factsheet on Home Fire Prevention

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires and 20,000 are injured. An overwhelming number of fires occur in the home. There are time-tested ways to prevent and survive a fire. It's not a question of luck. It's a matter of planning ahead.

EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE WORKING SMOKE ALARM

Buy a smoke alarm at any hardware or discount store. It's inexpensive protection for you and your family. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. A working smoke alarm can double your chances of survival. Test it monthly, keep it free of dust and replace the battery at least once a year. Smoke alarms themselves should be replaced after ten years of service, or as recommended by the manufacturer.

PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRES

Never overload circuits or extension cords. Do not place cords and wires under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas. Immediately shut off and unplug appliances that sputter, spark or emit an unusual smell. Have them professionally repaired or replaced.

USE APPLIANCES WISELY

When using appliances follow the manufacturer's safety precautions. Overheating, unusual smells, shorts and sparks are all warning signs that appliances need to be shut off, then replaced or repaired. Unplug appliances when not in use. Use safety caps to cover all unused outlets, especially if there are small children in the home.



ALTERNATE HEATERS

- Portable heaters need their space. Keep anything combustible at least three feet away.
- Keep fire in the fireplace. Use fire screens and have your chimney cleaned annually. The creosote buildup can ignite a chimney fire that could easily spread.
- Kerosene heaters should be used only where approved by authorities. Never use gasoline or camp-stove fuel. Refuel outside and only after the heater has cooled.

AFFORDABLE HOME FIRE SAFETY SPRINKLERS

When home fire sprinklers are used with working smoke alarms, your chances of surviving a fire are greatly increased. Sprinklers are affordable--they can increase property value and lower insurance rates.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

Practice an escape plan from every room in the house. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and never to open doors that are hot. Select a location where everyone can meet after escaping the house. Get out then call for help.

CARING FOR CHILDREN

Children under five are naturally curious about fire. Many play with matches and lighters. Tragically, children set over 20,000 house fires every year. Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching your children that fire is a tool, not a toy.

CARING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Every year over 1,200 senior citizens die in fires. Many of these fire deaths could have been prevented. Seniors are especially vulnerable because many live alone and can't respond quickly.

For more information contact:

The U. S. Fire Administration
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

or

Visit the USFA Web site:
www.usfa.fema.gov



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SAVE ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

A Factsheet on Saving Energy

Planning ahead can save you money and alleviate frustration with high utility bills. Here are some tips to help protect your hard earned dollars:

- Remove window air conditioners for the winter and close the window. If the air conditioner cannot be removed, weatherize it with a properly fitting air conditioning cover.
- Keep all vents (air conditioning, heating and/or exhaust) free from debris and remove any item that blocks the flow of air.
- Replace screens with storm (glass) windows in winter months. If you do not have storm windows, use clear plastic, tightly sealed on the inside of the windows.
- Replace or clean air/heat filters monthly. Dirty filters block air flow.
- Do not block vents with furniture.
- Save 10% on energy costs when you install weather-stripping or caulk leaky doors and windows, and install gaskets behind outlet covers.
- Set your thermostat at one temperature (around 77°) and leave it alone when running the air conditioning. It takes more energy to heat or cool an area than it does to maintain a constant temperature.
- In winter, set your thermostat at about 68°. For every degree you lower your heat, you save up to 5% in heating costs. At night, turn the heat down to 55°, but never turn your thermostat below 50° when the home is unoccupied. Heat pumps should only be set back two degrees to prevent unneeded use of backup strip heating.
- Wear warm clothing in winter.
- Open window coverings in the daytime to let the sun heat your home and close them at sundown to insulate.
- Lock your windows so they will seal better.
- Keep doors and windows closed to keep the central air/heat inside.
- Rearrange your furniture so you are sitting by interior walls. The temperature is more constant on interior walls.
- Close doors to other parts of the house and turn down the thermostat when using the fireplace.
- Remember that fireplaces lose up to 8% of your energy. Keep the damper closed when not in use.
- Turn lights off and shut the doors in unoccupied rooms.
- Use as much natural light as possible.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. They use 75% less energy.
- Turn kitchen and bathroom ventilating fans off after cooking.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Vacuum the coils of your refrigerator several times a year and leave enough room behind and on the sides of the unit for air to circulate.
- A second refrigerator can add as much as 10 to 15% to your energy bill.
- Only use your oven's self-cleaning feature when your oven is already hot.
- Over 2/3 of your water heating costs are from showers. Cutting your shower time in half will reduce your costs by up to 33%.
- Lower the temperature of your hot water heater to a comfortable yet economical level. Use the "normal" setting, or 120°, (unless the owner's manual for your dishwasher requires a higher setting), and save up to 11% of the cost of heating your water.
- Drain a bucketful of water from the water heater several times a year to protect against mineral buildup.
- Insulate the first five feet of pipe coming out of the top of your water heater. Pipe insulation is available from your hardware store.
- Only run full loads of dishes or clothes in your appliances.
- Use cold water to wash, and reduce the washer's energy use by 75%.
- Use only cold water in the garbage disposal.
- Keep the lint trap in the dryer clean and use the moisture-sensing automatic drying setting on your dryer.

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