

Baltimore

1. Residency and Financials

1.1 PARTIES

TENANT(S): Shekel Whitfield

LANDLORD(S): ZULIMA LLC

1.2 PROPERTY

Unit Address:

3313 Lyndale Ave,
Baltimore, MD 21213

1.3 TENANT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH PA LICENSED BROKER

No Business Relationship Exists (Tenant is not represented by a broker)

1.4 LANDLORD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH PA LICENSED BROKER

Landlord Agent (Broker represents Landlord only)

Broker (Company): ZULIMA LLC

Company Address:

Company Phone:

1.5 LEASE DATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This Lease for the Property, dated, 08/26/2026 is between the Landlord and the Tenant. Each Tenant is individually responsible for all of the obligations of this Lease, including Rent, fees, damages and other costs.

1.6 CO-SIGNERS

Co-signers:

Each Co-signer is individually responsible for all obligations of this Lease, including Rent, late fees, damages and other costs. Co-signers do not have the right to occupy the Property as a tenant without the Landlord's prior written permission.

1.7 PROPERTY CONTACT INFORMATION

Rental Payments:

Payable to: ZULIMA LLC

Phone:

Email:

Address:

1.8 MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Contact: ZULIMA LLC

Phone:

1.9 STARTING AND ENDING DATES OF LEASE (ALSO CALLED "TERM")

Starting Date: 10/01/2026 at 12 p.m.

Ending Date: 09/30/2027 at 12 p.m.

1.10 RENEWAL TERM

Unless checked below, this Lease will AUTOMATICALLY RENEW for a **Renewal Term** of ☐ Year-to-Year, ☒ Month-to-Month at the Ending Date of this Lease or at the end of any Renewal Term unless proper notice is given.

Proper notice requires Tenant or Landlord to give at least days' (**60 days, if not indicated**) written notice before Ending Date or before the end of any Renewal Term.

☐ This Lease will TERMINATE on the Ending Date unless extended in writing. If notice is given later than required, Rent is due for the entirety of the Renewal Term. Any renewal will be according to the terms of this Lease or any written changes to it.

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1.11 RENT

Rent is due in advance, without demand, on or before **(the 1st day of each month, if not indicated)** (Due Date).

The amount of Total Rent due during the Term is: \$16,800.00

The Rent due each month is: \$1,400.00

On the renewal date of this lease and every renewal date thereafter, rent shall automatically increase by % (5% if not indicated), unless otherwise changed via a separate addendum.

If Rent is more than **5 days** late (Grace Period), Tenant pays a **Late Charge of 5%**

All other payments due from Tenant to Landlord, including Late Charges or utility charges, are considered to be Additional Rent. Failure to pay this Additional Rent is a breach of the Lease in the same way as failing to pay the regular Rent.

Tenant agrees that all payments will be applied against any outstanding fees and charges, then against outstanding Additional Rent that is due, before they will be applied against the current Rent due. When there is no outstanding Additional Rent or other fees and charges, prepayment will be applied to the month's Rent that would be due next.

Tenant will pay a **fee of \$50** for any payment that is returned or declined by any financial institution for any reason. If payment is returned or declined, the Grace Period does not apply and the Late Charges will be calculated from the Due Date. Any Late Charges will continue to apply until a valid payment is received.

Landlord will accept the following methods of payment: Money Order, Personal Check, Credit Cards (additional fees may apply), Cashier's

Check, Online Payments. **NO CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Landlord can change the acceptable methods of payment if a method fails (check bounces, credit card is declined, etc.).

The Security Deposit may not be used to pay Rent during the Term or Renewal Term of this Lease.

1.12 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise indicated below, Security Deposit will be held in escrow by the Owner of the Property.

Security Deposit will be held in escrow by:

At (financial institution):

Financial institution Address:

Payments:

First month's Rent: \$1,400.00

Deposits:

Mgmt Held Security Deposits: \$1,400.00

Total: **\$1,400.00**

Other:

Total: **\$2,800.00**

Less Tenant Deposits: \$0.00

DUE PRIOR TO MOVE-IN: \$2,800.00

1.13 SECURITY DEPOSIT NOTICE

Owner or Agent hereby acknowledges having received from Tenant the sum in Section 1.12 above in the form of as a security deposit in connection with the Lease, to protect Owner against non-payment of rent, damage due to breach of the Lease, (including failure to surrender the Property free and clear of debris and furniture, or failure to return all keys to the Property to the Owner), and for damages to the Property, common areas, major appliances and furnishings, if any, caused by Tenant, or any agent, employee, invitee or family member of Tenant, in excess of ordinary wear and tear.

The amount of the security deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of two (2) months' rent per dwelling unit leased under the Lease. Tenant shall not apply the security deposit as rent and shall not apply the security deposit to the last month's rent.

Within thirty (30) days of its receipt, the security deposit shall be deposited by Owner in a Federally insured Maryland banking or savings institution, which does business in Maryland, in an interest-bearing account devoted exclusively to security deposits or, upon Owner's election, in an insured certificate of deposit at a branch of a Federally insured banking or savings institution located in Maryland, or in securities issued by the Federal Government or the State of Maryland. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of the tenancy, Owner shall return the security deposit to Tenant, by first class mail addressed to Tenant's last known address, together with simple interest which has accrued at the daily U.S. Treasury yield curve rate for 1 year, as of the first business day of each year, or 1.5% a year, whichever is greater, less any damages rightfully withheld, including nonpayment of rent, damages due to a breach of the Lease or damages to the leased Premises, common elements, major appliances and furnishings caused by Tenant, or by Tenant's family, agents, employees, guests or invitees in excess of ordinary wear and tear. Interest shall accrue at six-month intervals from the day Tenant gives the security deposit. Interest shall not be compounded. If Owner Withholds all or any portion of the security deposit for unpaid rent or for damages as provided, Owner, within forty-five (45) days after the termination of the tenancy, shall furnish, by first class mail to Tenant's last known address, a written list of damages claimed, together with a statement of the costs actually incurred.

Tenant has the right to have the Property inspected by Owner, in the presence of the Tenant, for the purpose of making a written list of damages to the Property that exist at the commencement of the tenancy if Tenant so requests, in writing, by certified mail, to Owner Within fifteen (15) days of the Tenant's occupancy of the Property.

Tenant has the right to be present when Owner inspects the Property in order to determine if any damage was done to the Property, if the Tenant notifies the Owner by certified mail of Tenant's intention to move, the date of moving and Tenant's new address. Such Notice from Tenant must be mailed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of moving. Upon receipt of such notice, Owner shall notify Tenant by certified mail of the time and date when the Property is to be inspected. The date of inspection shall occur within five (5) days before or five (5) days after the date of moving as designated in the notice from Tenant to Owner. Owner need not notify Tenant of his intention to withhold all or any part of the security deposit if Tenant has been evicted, or ejected for breach of a condition or covenant of the Lease prior to the termination of the tenancy, or if Tenant has abandoned the Property prior to the termination of the tenancy. In such event, Tenant may make demand for return of the security deposit by giving written notice by first class mail to Owner Within forty-five (45) days of being evicted or ejected or of abandoning the Property. The notice shall specify the Tenant's new address. Owner, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of said notice, shall supply Tenant with a list of damages and costs by first class mail.

In the event Owner fails to comply with the provisions of Maryland law applicable to residential security deposits, Owner may be liable to Tenant for a penalty of up to three (3) times the amount of the security deposit withheld by Owner, plus reasonable attorney's fees. Owner, by Maryland law, shall retain a copy of this receipt for a period of two (2) years following the termination of the tenancy, abandonment of the Property, or eviction of the Tenant.

In the event of a sale of the Property or the transfer or assignment by Owner of this Lease, Owner shall have the right to transfer the security deposit to the transferee and Owner shall be released from all liability for the return of the security deposit and Tenant shall look solely to the transferee for the return of the security deposit. It is agreed that the foregoing shall apply to every transfer or assignment made of the security deposit to a transferee. In the event of any rightful or permitted assignment or sublease of the Lease by Tenant to any assignee or sublessee, the security deposit shall be deemed to be held by Owner as a deposit made by the assignee or sublessee and Owner shall have no further liability with respect to return of such security deposit to Tenant.

By initialing below, you acknowledge and agree to the terms in Section 1.

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2. Policies and Procedures

2.1 OWNER LEGAL RIGHTS

If Tenant shall fail to pay the rent or any additional rent as herein provided, within 5 days of the date when due, or if Tenant shall breach any other term, covenant, or condition of this Lease, including, but not limited to, any misrepresentation in Tenant's application, Owner may (a) re-enter the Property and terminate this Lease in accordance with the applicable provisions of law; (b) bring summary ejectment proceedings to evict Tenant; or (c) pursue any and all other remedies available to Owner at law or in equity. No such termination of the Lease, nor recovery of possession of the Property, however, shall constitute a waiver by Owner of any available action by Owner against Tenant for unpaid rent or for damages which may be due or sustained prior to or subsequent to the termination of this Lease, nor shall such termination extinguish Tenant's obligation to pay all rent and other sums due and owing to Owner prior to or subsequent to such termination and/or recovery of possession.

2.2 RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSITS

All notices to terminate lease must be in writing.

Tenant agrees to surrender the Property to Owner at the end of the Initial Term, or any renewal thereof, in the same condition as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted. Tenant further agrees to surrender the Property free and clear of all furniture and debris and in a broom clean condition.

When Tenant moves from the Property, Tenant will return all keys and give Landlord written notice of Tenant's new mailing address where Landlord can return the Security Deposit.

Within 45 days after Tenant moves from the Property, Landlord will give Tenant a written list of any damage to the Property for which the Landlord claims Tenant is responsible.

Landlord may deduct repair costs and any unpaid Rent and Additional Rent from Tenant's Security Deposit. Any remaining Security Deposit will be returned to Tenant within 45 days after Tenant surrenders possession of the Property.

2.3 USE OF PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS

Not more than 1 people will live at the Property. List all other occupants who are not listed as Tenants in this Lease:

Service Animal Type:

Breed:

Name:

2.4 POSSESSION

Tenant may move in (take possession of the Property) on the Starting Date of this Lease.

If Tenant cannot move in within 14 days after Starting Date because the previous tenant is still there or because of property damage, Tenant's exclusive rights are to:

Change the Starting Date of the Lease to the day when Property is available. Tenant will not owe or be charged Rent until Property is available; OR

End the Lease and have all money already paid as Rent, Additional Rent or Security Deposit returned, with no further liability on the part of Landlord or Tenant.

2.5 TENANT'S RIGHT TO OCCUPY THE PROPERTY

Owner agrees that Tenant may, peaceably and quietly, enter the Property at the beginning of the Term and that the Property will be made available in a condition permitting reasonably safe habitation. If permission is given to Tenant to enter into possession of the Property prior to the date specified for the commencement of the Term, such occupancy shall be deemed to be in accordance with all the terms, covenants, conditions, and provisions of this Lease, and the rent shall be apportioned for such period of occupancy.

2.6 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations for use of the Property and common areas are attached.

If applicable, Homeowners Association or Condominium rules and regulations for the Property are also attached. Any violation of the Rules and Regulations is a breach of this Lease.

Landlord may create or modify the Rules and Regulations if the change benefits the Tenant or improves the health, safety, or welfare of others. Landlord agrees to provide all changes to Tenant in writing.

Tenant is responsible for Tenant's family and guests obeying the Rules and Regulations and all laws. If any fine is imposed on Landlord because of the actions of Tenant, or Tenant's family or guests, Tenant will reimburse the Landlord or pay the fine. Any unpaid fines will be considered Additional Rent.

2.7 PETS

Tenant will not keep or allow any pets on any part of the Property, unless checked below. Service animals are not pets.

☐ Tenant may keep pets with Landlord's written permission as indicated below and in accordance with the terms of the Rules and Regulations.

Description of Pet(s):

By initialing below, you acknowledge and agree to the terms in Section 2.

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3. Responsibilities

3.1 CONDITION OF PROPERTY AT MOVE-IN

Tenant has inspected the Property and agrees to accept the Property "as-is," except for the following:

3.2 APPLIANCES

Appliances below are included:

Landlord is NOT responsible for repairs to appliances listed above unless otherwise stated here:

3.3 UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Landlord and Tenant agree to pay for the charges for utilities and services provided for the Property as marked below.

If a service is not marked as being paid by the Landlord, it is the responsibility of Tenant to pay for that service.

Landlord is not responsible for loss of service if interrupted by circumstances beyond the Landlord's control. Utility accounts paid by Tenant must remain active in Tenant's name until the end of the Lease Term. Tenant will notify Landlord if Tenant receives any notices from utility

companies of a pending termination of service. Tenant will be in default of this Lease if all utilities and services for which the tenant is responsible do not remain active.

<i>Cooking Gas/Fuel</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Electricity</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Heat</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Hot Water</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Cold Water/Sewer/Service & Usage</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Trash Removal</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Recycling Removal</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Cable/Satellite Television</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Internet</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Condominium/HOA Fee</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Parking Fee</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Maintenance of Common Areas</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Pest/Rodent Control</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Bed Bugs</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Snow/Ice Removal</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Telephone Service</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Lawn and Shrubbery Care</i>	☐ Landlord ☒ Tenant
<i>Other:</i>	☐ Landlord ☐ Tenant
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<i>Other:</i>	☐ Landlord ☐ Tenant
<i>Other:</i>	☐ Landlord ☐ Tenant

3.4 LEAD PAINT-APPLICABLE LAW

Title X, Section 10108, The Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992(the Federal Program) requires the disclosure of certain information regarding lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards in connection with the rental of residential real property. An owner of pre-1978 housing is required to disclose to the tenant, based upon the owner's actual knowledge, all known lead-based paint hazards in the Property and provide the tenant with any available reports in the owner's possession relating to lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards applicable to the Property.

If the Property was built prior to 1979, the Property is also subject to the Maryland Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Program Act contained in the Maryland Code, Environmental Article Section 6-801 et seq. (the Maryland Program). If the Property was constructed prior to 1950, all provisions of the Maryland Program will apply to the Property. If the Property was constructed during the period 1950 through 1978, the provisions of the Maryland Program will also apply to the Property except that Owner will have the option to participate in the liability limitation portion of the Maryland Program.

Age Classification of Property: Owner represents and warrants to Tenant(s), broker(s), broker(s)' agents and sub-agents, intending that they rely upon such warranty and representation, that (check all that apply):

The Federal Program (check one)

- ☐ the Property was built during or after 1978; the Federal Program does not apply.
- ☒ the Property was built before 1978; the Federal Program applies.

The Maryland Program (check one)

- ☐ the Property was built prior to 1950, the Maryland Program applies fully.

☐ the Property was built after 1949 but before 1979, the Maryland Program applies at Owner's option.

Age Classification Unknown (check, if applicable)

☐ Owner is uncertain as to age classification; therefore, Owner acknowledges that, for the purposes of the rental contemplated by this Lease, the Property will be treated as though it had been constructed prior to 1950, and agrees that the Property Is fully subject to Federal and Maryland law as to the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

NOTICE TO TENANT – LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS: Tenant acknowledges that Property may be subject to Federal and Maryland law as to the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards. Tenant Acknowledges the receipt of the following required brochures:

1. Under Federal Law (the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992)

a. The EPA "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home" brochure.

2. Under Maryland Law (the Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Program)

a. The Notice of Tenants' Rights, Lead Poisoning Prevention, as published by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

b. The EPA "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home" brochure (the same brochure as 1.a.). Tenant understands and acknowledges that compliance under the Federal and Maryland laws is the sole responsibility of Owner and that Tenant agrees to read and become familiar with the requirements of Federal and Maryland law as contained in the above brochures and notice.

3.5 TENANTS' CARE OF PROPERTY

Tenant agrees to use the Property in a careful manner and not to use or permit the use of any portion of the Property for any purpose other than as a private single-family residence; to keep all lawns neatly mowed and all hedges, flower beds, and shrubbery in good order; to promptly remove snow, ice, and leaves from all walkways and driveways; to keep the Property in a clean and sanitary condition; and to comply with all laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, including health and housing codes and criminal laws applicable to the Property and all covenants and restrictions applicable to Tenant's use of the Property.

Tenant and all other occupants and/or invitees on the Property, whether known by the Tenant or not, shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb the peaceful enjoyment of neighbors, and Tenant further covenants and agrees that Tenant will not use or permit the Property to be used for any improper, illegal, or immoral purposes, nor use, permit, or suffer the same to be used by any person or persons in any noisy, dangerous, offensive, illegal, or improper manner. Tenant further agrees that no drugs or other illegal substances will be used, manufactured, sold, or distributed within, on, or from the Property. Tenant shall indemnify and save Owner Harmless from (a) any and all liability, loss, cost, damage or expense arising out of any violation by Tenant of such laws, codes, ordinances, rules or regulations; (b) any violation or non-performance by the Tenant of any of the covenants contained herein; or (c) any other act or omission of Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, employees, invitees, or family members. All Electrical, heating, air-conditioning, mechanical, and plumbing equipment and facilities shall be used for their intended purposes only.

Tenant shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements, including painting or electrical work, to the Property without first obtaining Owner's written consent.

Tenant will have breached this Lease and will be responsible for damages if Tenant does not comply with the above.

Tenant is responsible to pay the costs for repairing any damage that is the fault of Tenant, Tenant's family, guests, and/or service animals.

3.6 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

(a) Owner shall maintain, and/or repair/replace (if necessary in Owner's sole discretion) the plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical systems, and also the exterior walls and roof of the Property. However, Tenant shall be obligated for the costs of such repairs, replacements, and related services if the need for such repairs, replacements, and related services results from the negligence or misuse by Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, servants, employees, invitees, or family members. Tenant agrees to promptly notify Owner of any condition which is the obligation of Owner to repair or replace.

(b) Except as provided in (a) above, Tenant shall be responsible for all other repairs and replacements to the Property. Any damage to the wallpaper, paint, walls, floors, carpeting, doors, windows, window treatments, light fixtures, appliances, or other improvements to the Property, in excess of ordinary wear and tear, shall be promptly repaired or replaced by Tenant, at Tenant's sole expense, so as to restore the Property to the same condition as existed prior to the commencement of the Term. If Tenant shall fail to make any such repair or replacement, Owner, in Owner's sole discretion, may make such repair or replacement, in which event, the cost of such repair or replacement shall be added to and deemed a part of the rent and shall be payable by Tenant to Owner on demand. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such costs as Owner has for the non-payment of rent under this Lease. Tenant shall furnish the HVAC system filters, electric light bulbs, and fuses at Tenant's expense.

(c) If the Property is part of a multi-unit building, Tenant shall also be liable to Owner for the cost of any repairs or replacements to the building if the need for such repairs or replacements results from the negligence or misuse of the building by Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, servants, employees, invitees, or family members. The cost of such repairs or replacements shall be added to

and deemed a part of the rent due and shall be payable by Tenant to Owner on demand. Owner shall have the same remedies for collection of such costs as Owner has for the non-payment of rent under this Lease.

3.7 WATER/MOISTURE/MOLD

Tenant shall promptly notify Owner in the event of the presence of water moisture, water leaks, water spillage (including in or around roof, windows, doors, ceilings, floors, toilets, bathtubs, sinks, dishwasher, washing machine, refrigerator, freezer, air conditioning unit(s), faucets), flooding and/or water damage to the premises.

In the event of water moisture, water leaks, water spillage, flooding and/or water damage, Tenant shall take immediate measures to contain the water and to prevent further water damage including turning off any faucets and to cease the use of any toilet, sink, bathtub or appliance causing such water leaks or spillage. Tenant shall notify Owner promptly in the event mold of any type is observed within the leased premises.

Upon notification from Tenant, Owner, at Owner's sole expense, shall promptly remediate and repair any water damage to the premises caused by water moisture, water leaks, water spillage or flooding and remove in accordance with industry standards any mold within the premises which occur through no fault of Tenant. In the event water damage or mold occurs within the premises through the negligence of Tenant, Tenant shall pay, as additional rent, all costs and expenses incurred by Owner, to remediate and repair such water damage and removal of mold.

3.8 SMOKE DETECTOR NOTICE

(a) Tenant acknowledges that Landlord has installed one or more smoke detectors in accordance with §9-102 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. (b) If this lease pertains to a property located in Baltimore County, Tenant also acknowledges that Owner has installed one or more smoke detectors in accordance with §§ 14-2-201 of the Baltimore County Code. (c) If this lease pertains to property located in Baltimore City, Tenant also acknowledges that Owner has installed one or more smoke detectors in accordance with Part VIII, Section 907 of the Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City. (d) Tenant further acknowledges that with respect to any smoke detector installed in accordance with state or local law, said detector(s) is in good condition and proper working order as of the date of this Lease. Tenant Agrees not to obstruct or tamper with any detector, or otherwise permit any detector to be obstructed or tampered with for any reason whatsoever. Tenant further agrees to test the detector periodically and to report in writing to Owner any malfunction. Tenant assume sole responsibility to test the detector and shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any and all liability for injury, death, property damage, or other loss resulting from any defect or malfunction of such detector which Tenant shall not have specifically reported in writing to Owner as required. If any detector within the Property becomes damaged by tampering or through the negligence or deliberate misuse or abuse by Tenant, any resident of the Property, or any agent, employee, invitee or family member of Tenant, Tenant shall promptly notify Owner and Owner shall promptly cause the detector to be repaired or replaced. Upon demand, Tenant shall pay to Owner the costs of repair or replacement incurred by Owner, or such costs as may be added to and deemed part of the rent. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such costs as Owner has for nonpayment of rent.

3.9 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR NOTICE

(a) Tenant acknowledges that Landlord has installed one or more carbon monoxide detectors as follows: (b) If this lease pertains to a property located in Baltimore County, in accordance with §35-5-213.1 of the Baltimore County Code. (c) If this lease pertains to property located in Baltimore City, in accordance with Part II, §1211 Section 907 of the Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City. (d) Tenant further acknowledges that with respect to any carbon monoxide detector installed in accordance with state or local law, said detector(s) is in good condition and proper working order as of the date of this Lease. Tenant agrees not to obstruct or tamper with any detector, or otherwise permit any detector to be obstructed or tampered with for any reason whatsoever. Tenant further agrees to test the detector periodically and to report in writing to Owner any malfunction. Tenant assumes sole responsibility to test the detector and shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any and all liability for injury, death, property damage, or other loss resulting from any defect or malfunction of such detector which Tenant shall not have specifically reported in writing to Owner as required. If any detector within the Property becomes damaged by tampering or through the negligence or deliberate misuse or abuse by Tenant, any resident of the Property, or any agent, employee, invitee or family member of Tenant, Tenant shall promptly notify Owner and Owner shall promptly cause the detector to be repaired or replaced. Upon demand, Tenant shall pay to Owner the costs of repair or replacement incurred by Owner, or such costs as may be added to and deemed part of the rent. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such costs as Owner has for nonpayment of rent.

3.10 TENANTS USE OF KEYS AND LOCKS

No additional lock(s) shall be installed by Tenant and no existing lock(s) shall be changed by Tenant without the Owner's prior written consent. Two (2) keys will be furnished to the Tenant and any additional keys required will be obtained from Owner and paid for by Tenant. Duplicate key(s) will not be made without the Owner's prior written consent. All keys will be returned by Tenant to Owner upon termination of the Lease or vacating of the Property, whichever first occurs. Tenant Shall reimburse Owner, as additional rent, for the cost of changing any locks or replacing any key(s) lost or damaged by Tenant.

3.11 TENANTS COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Tenant agrees not to do or permit to be done anything on the Property in contravention of any hazard insurance policy in force thereon or which will increase the premium payable on such policy. Tenant shall not in any way obstruct any public sidewalk nor permit anything to be done on the Property contrary to the rules and regulations of the Fire Department or Health Department or any other governmental authority.

3.12 TENANT INSURANCE/LIABILITY

Tenant agrees that with respect to those portions of the Property within the exclusive control of Tenant, Owner shall not be responsible or liable for any loss or damage to any goods or chattels placed on, in, or about the Property, nor for any personal injury to Tenant or any agent, employee, invitee, or family member of Tenant. Owner shall not be deemed a bailee as to any goods or chattels placed on, in, or about the Property. It is the responsibility of Tenant to obtain and pay the costs of any insurance to protect Tenant from loss or damage to Tenant's personal property placed on, in, or about the Property, and to maintain adequate personal liability insurance.

Furthermore, tenant understands that Landlord's insurance does not cover Tenant, Tenant's property, or Tenant's guests. Tenant is advised to obtain property and liability insurance to protect Tenant, Tenant's property and Tenant's guests who may be injured while on the Property.

Tenant must have insurance policies providing at least \$50,000 property insurance and \$100,000 liability insurance to protect Tenant, Tenant's property and Tenant's guests who may be injured while on the Property. Tenant must maintain this insurance through the entire Term and any Renewal Term. Tenant will provide proof of insurance upon request. Tenant will notify Landlord within 10 days of changes to or cancellation of these policies. Failure to do so shall be constituted as an immediate breach of this lease.

Neither Landlord nor their Agent is legally responsible for any injury or damage to Tenant, Tenant's guests or Tenant's and their guests' personal belongings that occurs on the Property. Neither Landlord nor their Agent is responsible for any attorney's fees incurred by the Tenant in any action brought against Landlord or their Agent.

Tenant is responsible for any loss to Landlord caused by Tenant, Tenant's family or Tenant's guests, including attorney's fees associated with that loss.

3.13 OWNER'S RIGHT TO ENTER THE PROPERTY DURING THE TERM

Owner and Owner's agents and employees shall have the right to enter upon the Property at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection or making any repairs which Owner is required to make under the terms of this Lease or which Owner otherwise deems necessary or appropriate. Owner and Owner's agents and employees shall have the right to enter the property with 24 hour notice, unless the entry is deemed an emergency, in which case advance notice is not required. Likewise, Owner and Owner's agents shall have the right, at reasonable times, to show prospective tenants or purchasers through the Property and to post "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs thereon, as may be permitted by law.

3.14 DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Tenant will notify Landlord or Landlord's agent immediately if the Property is severely damaged or destroyed by fire or by any other cause. Tenant will immediately notify Landlord or Landlord's representative of any condition in the Property that could severely damage or destroy the Property.

If Tenant, their family or guests cause damage by fire or by other means, this Lease will remain in effect and Tenant will continue to pay rent, even if Tenant cannot occupy the Property.

If the Property is severely damaged or destroyed for any reason that is not the fault of Tenant:

Tenant may continue to live on the livable part of the Property and pay a reduced rent as agreed to by Tenant and Landlord until the damage is repaired, OR

If the law does not allow Tenant to live on the Property, this Lease is ended.

If Lease is ended, Landlord will return any unused security deposit to Tenant.

3.15 INSPECTIONS

Tenant acknowledges that Owner has the right to be present at any and all inspections in and about the Property, and agrees to notify Owner prior to any inspection.

3.16 TENANT'S RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING VEHICLE PARKING

Only properly licensed vehicles in operating condition may be parked in the driveways, if provided, or in the street or other paved parking areas, in accordance with the law and any community rules, regulations and restrictions.

3.17 TENANT'S RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING TRASH

All garbage and trash must be placed in dumpsters (if provided) or in suitable covered containers to be left in designated pickup locations no earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup.

3.18 TENANT AND OWNER AGREEMENT IF UTILITIES ARE INTERRUPTED

In the event Owner or Tenant is prevented or is unable, for reasons beyond Owner's or Tenant's control, to obtain fuel, electricity, water or sewer or the services they respectively have agreed to furnish, or in the event of the rationing or non-delivery of same, Owner is hereby released and discharged from any liability, loss, cost, damage or expense, direct or indirect, which might be suffered by Tenant, and this Lease shall continue in full force and effect for the full rent without abatement.

Likewise, if, under the terms of this Lease, Owner has agreed to furnish any service or utility at Owner's cost and expense, Owner may temporarily stop or curtail the furnishing of any such service or utility for the purpose of repairing or replacing the equipment or utility lines furnishing such service or utility without direct or indirect liability to Tenant if an accident or malfunction occurs. Should Owner temporarily stop or curtail the furnishing of any such service or utility, Owner shall use due diligence in restoring such service or utility.

3.19 OWNER'S RIGHT TO RE-RENT THE PROPERTY

If the Property becomes vacant because of the exercise by Owner of Owner's remedies under this Lease, or should Tenant abandon the Property, Owner may take possession of and re-let the Property, as agent of Tenant, upon such terms and conditions as Owner shall reasonably determine. Tenant, upon demand by Owner, shall pay to Owner all costs and expenses incurred by Owner in such re-letting and shall thereafter pay monthly to Owner, in advance, the difference between the rent payable under this Lease and the amount of the rent received upon any such re-letting. Nothing contained in this Lease shall be deemed to impose upon Owner any obligation to show or lease the Property in preference to any other rental property(ies) owned by Owner.

3.20 TENANT RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL RENT

Tenant agrees to pay as additional rent (a) any and all sums which may become due by reason of the failure of Tenant to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Lease; (b) any and all damages, costs and/or expenses which the Owner may suffer or incur by reason of any default under this Lease by Tenant; and (c) any and all damages to the Property caused by any act or negligence of Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, employees, invitees, or family members. In the event Tenant fails to make any such payments, then the amount thereof shall be added to and deemed part of the rent due, and Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such payments as Owner has for non-payment of rent under this Lease.

By initialing below, you acknowledge and agree to the terms in Section 3.

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4. General Clauses

4.1 HOLDOVER TENANTS

If Tenant occupies the Property after the Ending Date or end of any Renewal Term, Tenant will be considered a holdover tenant and will be causing the Landlord damages. These damages will be equal to 3 times the monthly Rent plus any lodging expenses of the new occupant, eviction costs and attorney fees, paid on a daily basis without demand. In addition, Owner or their Agent may exercise any other remedy granted to a landlord under Maryland law.

4.2 HEIRS AND ASSIGNS ARE BOUND BY THE LEASE

The terms and conditions of this Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns (if permitted) of Owner and Tenant.

4.3 TENANT ENDING LEASE EARLY

Tenant may not end this Lease and move out of the Property before the Ending Date of the Lease or any Renewal Term without penalty.

4.4 ABANDONMENT

Tenant has abandoned the Property if:

Tenant has physically vacated the premises, removed substantially all personal property, OR

A court grants the Landlord possession of the Property.

If Tenant abandons Property while Rent is due and unpaid, Landlord may take possession of the Property and immediately rent the Property to another tenant.

If Tenant abandons OR moves out of the Property, Tenant will:

Remove all of Tenant's personal property, AND

Provide a forwarding address or written notice stating that Tenant has vacated the premises, AND

Contact the landlord within ten (10) days regarding the Tenant's intent to remove any remaining personal property.

If the intent is communicated to the landlord, the personal property shall be stored by the landlord at a location of the landlord's choosing for thirty (30) days.

If no communication is made to the landlord within ten (10) days, the property may be disposed of at the end of the ten days at the discretion of Landlord and Tenant will pay all costs related to the removal and/or storage.

4.5 LANDLORD REMEDIES IF TENANT BREACHES THE LEASE

If Tenant breaches Lease for any reason, Landlord's remedies may include any or all of the following:

Taking possession of the Property by going to court to evict Tenant. Tenant agrees to pay Landlord's legal fees and reasonable costs, including the cost for Landlord and Landlord's agent to attend court hearings.

Filing a lawsuit against Tenant for Rent, damages and Additional Rent, and for Rent and Additional Rent for the rest of the Term or any Renewal Period. If Landlord wins (gets a money judgment against Tenant), Landlord may use the court process to garnish Tenant's wages and take Tenant's personal goods, furniture, motor vehicles and money in banks.

Keeping Tenant's Security Deposit to be applied against unpaid Rent or damages, or both.

If Tenant breaches Lease for any reason, Landlord can begin eviction proceedings without written notice, unless otherwise required by local ordinance.

4.6 ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS

IT IS MUTUALLY understood and agreed by both the Landlord/Agent and Tenant that if Tenant breaches any condition of this Lease, including not limited to the Non-payment of rent in a timely manner, OR for any other reason what so ever, then Tenant agrees to pay any and all related legal fees, collection charges, court costs and lockout charges.

The legal fees, collection fees and court costs will be incurred and charged to the Tenant whether or not a court hearing is held. Additionally the charges will apply if the complaint is resolved or cured prior to the hearing date case withdrawn and/or settled.

4.7 OWNER DOES NOT WAIVE LEGAL RIGHTS

The failure of Owner to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Lease, in any one or more instances, or to exercise any election as herein provided, shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver by Owner of such term or condition or an election for future instances.

4.8 TRANSFER AND SUBLEASING

Landlord may transfer this Lease to another landlord. Tenant agrees that this Lease remains the same with the new landlord.

Tenant shall not assign this Lease or sublet all or part of the Property without the prior written consent of Owner, which consent may be withheld in the Owner's sole and absolute discretion. Any assignment or subletting without Owner's prior written consent shall be null and void and of no effect. Owner may elect to accept rent directly from any assignee or subtenant, but the acceptance of rent from an assignee or subtenant shall not constitute a release of Tenant from Tenant's liability hereunder. Any consent to a subletting or assignment shall not constitute a waiver of the obligation of Tenant to obtain consent for any subsequent assignment or subletting, and such consent shall not constitute a release of Tenant from Tenant's liability hereunder.

4.9 SALE OF PROPERTY

If Property is sold, Landlord will give Tenant in writing:

Notice that the Security Deposit and/or prepaid Rent has been transferred to the new landlord. The name, address and phone number of the new landlord and where Rent is to be paid, if known. Tenant agrees that Landlord may transfer Tenant's Security Deposit and advanced Rent to the new landlord.

Landlord's responsibilities to Tenant under this Lease end after the Property has been sold and the Lease transferred to a new landlord.

☐ If checked and Landlord sells the Property during the Lease or any Renewal Term, Landlord has the right to terminate this Lease if Landlord gives written notice to Tenant at least 30 days prior to the Settlement Date of the Property as defined in the agreement of sale. Tenant is not entitled to any payment of damages.

4.10 IF GOVERNMENT OR CREDITOR TAKES PROPERTY

The government or other public authority can take private property for public use. The taking is called condemnation.

If any part of the Property is taken by the government, Landlord will reduce Tenant's Rent proportionately. If all the Property is taken or is no longer usable, this Lease will end, Tenant will move out and Landlord will return to Tenant any unused Security Deposit or prepaid Rent.

If a creditor or other entity takes the Property through foreclosure, this Lease will end, Tenant will move out and Landlord will return to Tenant any unused Security Deposit or prepaid Rent.

No money paid to Landlord for the condemnation of the Property will belong to Tenant. Upon surrender of the Property, there will be no further liability to the Tenant on behalf of the Landlord or their Agent.

4.11 LENDER RIGHTS

Landlord or property owner may have a mortgage on the Property. The rights of the mortgage lender come before the rights of the Tenant. For example, if Landlord fails to make mortgage payments, the mortgage lender could take the Property and end this Lease. Landlord will notify Tenant immediately if Owner or Landlord receives a notice of foreclosure. Upon surrender of the Property, there will be no further liability to the Tenant on behalf of the Landlord or their Agent.

TENANT MAY BE WAIVING OR GIVING UP TENANT'S RIGHTS. TENANT UNDERSTANDS THAT IF THERE IS A FORECLOSURE, THE NEW OWNER MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO END THIS LEASE.

4.12 REAL ESTATE BROKER LEGAL LIMITATIONS

Owner and Tenant understand and acknowledge that Broker and Broker's agents, sub-agents, and employees are not and were not at any time authorized to make any representations regarding this Lease or the Property other than those expressly set forth herein. Broker and Broker's agents, sub-agents, and employees do not assume any responsibility for the condition of the Property or for the performance of this Lease by any or all parties hereto. By signing this Lease,

Tenant acknowledges that Tenant has not relied upon any representations made by Broker or any agent, sub-agent, or employee of Broker, except those representations expressly set forth herein. In the event a dispute arises under this Lease between Owner and Tenant resulting in Broker or Broker's agents, sub-agents, or employees being made a party to any litigation, whether as a defendant or third party defendant, Owner and Tenant, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify Broker and Broker's agents, sub-agents, or employees for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Broker or Broker's agents, sub-agents, or employees as a result of such litigation, provided that such litigation does not result in a judgment against Broker or Broker's agents, sub-agents, or employees for any wrongdoing.

4.13 CONTROLLING LAW

This Lease shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. As used in this Lease, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular and the use of any genders shall be applicable to all genders.

4.14 CAPTIONS

The headings in this Lease are meant only to make it easier to find the paragraphs.

4.15 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Lease is the entire agreement between Landlord and Tenant. No spoken or written agreements made before signing this Lease are a part of this Lease unless they are included in this Lease in writing. No waivers or modifications of this Lease during the Term of this Lease are valid unless in writing signed by both Landlord and Tenant.

4.16 ADDITIONAL TERMS

Additional Terms:

By initialing below, you acknowledge and agree to the terms in Section 4.

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Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Notice of Tenants' Rights

Department of the Environment

INTRODUCTION

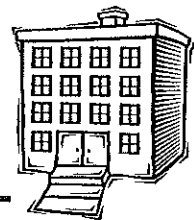
This *Notice of Tenants' Rights* explains your legal rights pursuant to the Maryland Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Law, which went into effect on February 24, 1996. Under this law, property owners are required to address all potential lead-based paint hazards in rental properties constructed prior to 1978, register and annually renew registration of their properties with Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Technical Services and Operations 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 rental dwelling unit or house, 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 410-537-3825 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 1978, WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

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

- 1) Give you this *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 rental dwelling unit or house 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 pay a \$30.00 per property/unit registration fee.
- 3) Obtain Lead Paint Risk Reduction Inspection Certificate indicating that a passing Full Risk Reduction was performed 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 rental dwelling unit or house inspected at the owner's expense. All inspections are required to be performed by an inspector accredited by MDE. If the rental dwelling unit or 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 provide you with a copy of the inspection certificate when you move in.

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) of 5 µg/dl or more, and an environmental investigation conducted at the home where the child or pregnant woman resides or spends 24 hours or more per week has concluded that there is a defect, including but not limited to chipping, peeling or flaking paint in the interior or the exterior of the rental dwelling unit or house, MDE or the local health department will notify the property owner of the obligation to meet the **Modified Risk Reduction Standard** within 30 days of receiving MDE or the local health department's Notice of Defect.



The Modified Risk Reduction Standard must also be met when the property owner receives a written Notice of Defect from the tenant or any other source that there are structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, and flaking paint in the rental dwelling unit or house. Chipping, peeling, or flaking paint in residential rental properties constructed before 1978 are presumed to contain lead-based paint, which can be dangerous to human health.

The property owner will have 30 days to satisfy the Modified Risk Reduction Standard after receipt of a letter or other written notice regarding structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, or flaking paint or receipt of a Notice of Defect.

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



You must send a notice to the property owner in writing. You may either write a letter regarding structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, or flaking paint or use the "Notice of Defect" form. A sample copy of the form is attached on page 5.

When sending a letter or Notice of Defect regarding structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, or flaking paint to the property owner, it is suggested that you send it by **Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested** or **Hand Deliver** the letter or Notice of Defect 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, the Modified Risk Reduction Standard must be satisfied within 30 days.

HOW DOES AN OWNER MEET THE MODIFIED RISK REDUCTION STANDARD?

Within 30 days after the receipt of a letter regarding structural defects and/or chipping, flaking or peeling paint or a Notice of Defect, the property owner must provide for the temporary relocation of tenants to a lead-free dwelling unit or another dwelling unit that has met the Full Risk Reduction Standard;

OR

Within 30 days after the receipt of a 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 contractor accredited by MDE to perform lead abatement work.

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

Tenant families, including a child under six or a pregnant woman, may not remain in the rental dwelling unit or house while repairs or lead hazard reduction treatments are being performed. If you are required to leave your rental dwelling unit or house for more than 24 hours while treatments are performed, the property owner must pay for all 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 tenant family while work is being done in the rental dwelling unit or house.

You must allow the property owner and/or the property owners accredited lead abatement contractor to enter the rental dwelling unit or house to perform the lead hazard reduction treatments.

The property owner is required to have the rental dwelling unit or house 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 letter or other written notice regarding structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, or flaking paint or a Notice of Defect and no repairs have been completed, you can make a referral to the Maryland Department of 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 letter or other written notice regarding structural defects and/or chipping, peeling, or flaking paint or the Notice of Defect along with any verification of property owner 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 Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Law. An escrow account is only established after all facts have been presented to a judge in a court 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 1978, the landlord must state that they are currently registered with Maryland Department of the Environment and provide the certificate number for the lead paint risk reduction 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 the dangerous conditions present in your home, including structural defects and/or the presence of peeling, chipping, or 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 may 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 Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Law, visit: www.mde.maryland.gov/lead or call the Lead Hotline at 410-537-3825 or toll-free at 1-800-776-2706, or TTY 1-800-735-2258.



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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
- About health effects of lead
- 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).



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

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.

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.

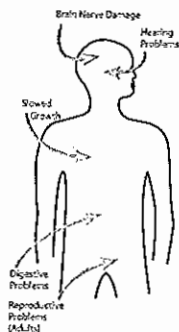
- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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 1-800-877-8399.

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 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.

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.

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Other Sources of Lead

While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead, other lead sources also exist:

- **Drinking water.** Your home might have plumbing with lead or lead solder. You cannot see, smell, or taste lead, and boiling your water will not get rid of lead. If you think your plumbing might contain lead:

- Use only cold water for drinking and cooking.
- Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

Call your local health department or water supplier to find out about testing your water, or visit epa.gov/lead for EPA's lead in drinking water information.

- **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 (16 CFR 1303). 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 (76 FR 44463).

Renovating, Remodeling, or Repairing (RRP) 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 and
 - 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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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/lead 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
(855) 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) 321-6571

Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 814-2083

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 Foreyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8938

Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-1665
(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

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. HUD Washington DC 20410

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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).

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7. Sign and Accept

7.1 NOTICE BEFORE SIGNING

A property manager may be acting as an agent for Landlord and may execute this Lease on the Landlord's behalf.

By signing below, the Tenant acknowledges that they have read and understand this lease and any attached addenda.

If Landlord is represented by a licensed real estate broker, Landlord acknowledges receipt of the Consumer Notice as adopted by the State Real Estate Commission at 49 Pa. Code §35.336 and/or §35.337.

Tenant acknowledges receipt of Rental Suitability Certificate and Partners in Good Housing brochure.

If Tenant has legal questions, Tenant is advised to consult an attorney.

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TENANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Tenant acknowledges receipt of the following documents:

1. EPA form – Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home
2. MDE - Notice of Tenant's Rights Lead Poisoning Prevention
3. MDE Inspection Certificate

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Tenant Signature

Date

Tenant Signature

Date