



Lead Paint

Did you know?

Lead paint dust in older homes is the main way children are exposed to lead. Even low levels of lead can affect a child's learning and behavior.

Action Plan

- ☐ If your home was built before 1978, or you are not sure how old your home is, have your home tested for lead paint.
- ☐ **Renters:** If your home has peeling paint or your child has high levels of lead in their blood, talk to your landlord. Landlords are required to test your home for lead. If you are not happy with their response, call your local health department or 1-888-LSNJ-LAW for free legal help.
- ☐ **Homeowners:** Fix peeling paint and make home repairs safely by hiring a certified lead removal company or visiting [epa.gov](https://www.epa.gov) and searching “steps to lead safe repair”.
- ☐ Keep your children away from peeling paint. You can temporarily reduce lead exposure by covering chipped paint with tape or contact paper and dusting your home with a wet cloth or mop.
- ☐ Your child should get tested for lead at their 1 and 2-year-old doctor visit. Older children should get tested if you are concerned about lead exposure.

Resources

If you are concerned about lead in your home, local community organizations offer **free lead inspections and lead removal** for eligible renters and homeowners in Essex County:

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La Casa de Don Pedro
973-485-0701, ext. 4405 | wxleadasst@lacasank.org
lacasank.org/lead-abatement

United Community Corporation (Newark only)
973-642-0180 ext. 4110 or 5717 | nomorelead@uccnewark.org
uccnewark.org/lead-safe-homes

For Renters: if your landlord will not inspect your home for lead, call your local health or lead department or Essex-Newark legal services for free legal help.

Newark Lead Department
973-733-5323

Essex-Newark Legal Services
973-624-4500 (8 am-5 pm) | www.lsnj.org/enls

To learn more about lead paint, visit epa.gov/lead or
state.nj.us/health/childhoodlead

For more information, visit icahn.mssm.edu/research/pehsu/information