

The Housing Authority of the County of Jackson

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LEAD-BASED PAINT NOTIFICATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WATCH OUT FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING NOTIFICATION

TO: PURCHASERS AND TENANTS OF HOUSING CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1950

This building was constructed before 1950. There is a possibility that it may contain lead-based paint

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING LEAD PAINT POISONING

The interiors of older homes and apartments often have layers of lead-based paint on the walls, ceilings, windowsills and doorframes. Lead-based paint and primers may also have been used on outside porches, railings, garages, fire escapes and lampposts. When the paint chips, flakes or peels off, there may be a real danger for babies and young children.

Children may eat paint chips or chew on painted railings, windowsills, or other items when parents are not around. Children can also ingest lead even if they do not specifically eat paint chips. For example, when children play in an area where there is loose paint or dust particles containing lead, they must get these particles on their hands, put their hands into their mouths, and ingest a dangerous amount of lead.

If you suspect that your child has eaten chips of paint or someone told you this, you should take your child to the doctor or clinic for testing. If this test shows that your child has an elevated blood level, treatment is available. Contact your doctor or local health department for help for more information. Lead screening and treatment are available through the Medicaid Program for those who are eligible.

Inform other family members and babysitters of the dangers of lead poisoning. You can safeguard your child from lead poisoning by preventing him or her from eating paint that may contain lead.

Look at your walls, ceiling, doorframes and windowsills. Are there places where the paint is peeling, flaking, or chipping? If so, there are some things you can do immediately to protect your child:

- Cover all furniture and appliances.
- Get a broom or stiff brush and remove all loose pieces of paint from walls, woodwork and ceilings.
- Sweep up all pieces of paint and plaster and put them in a paper bag or wrap them in newspaper. Put these packages in the trash can. DO NOT BURN THEM!!!!
- Do not leave paint chips on the floor. Damp mop floors in and around the work area to remove all dust and paint particles. Keeping the floor clear of paint chips, dust and dirt is easy and very important.
- Do not allow paint to remain within your children's reach since children may pick loose paint off the lower part of the walls.

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AS A HOMEOWNER:

You should keep your home in good shape. Water leaks from plumbing, defective roofs or exterior holes and breaks may admit rain or dampness into the interior of your home, damaging walls, ceilings, causing paint to peel, crack or flake. These conditions should be corrected immediately!! Before repainting, all surfaces that are peeling, chipping, or loose should be thoroughly cleaned by washing, sanding or brushing the loose paint from the surface; then repaint with two (2) coats of non-lead paint; or cover the other material such as wallpaper or paneling. SIMPLY PAINTING OVER DETERIORATED PAINTED SURFACES DOES NOT REMOVE THE HAZARD.

When lead-based paint is removed by scraping or sanding, a dust is created, which may be hazardous. The dust can enter the body either by breathing or swallowing it. The use of heat or paint removers could create a vapor or fume which may cause poisoning if inhaled over a long period of time. The removal of lead-based paint should not be undertaken by amateurs and every precaution should be taken to safeguard workers and occupants during the removal process. Whenever possible, the removal of lead-based paint should take place when there are no children or pregnant women on the premises.

AS A RENTER:

You should notify the Management Office or the Landlord immediately if the unit in which you live has flaking, chipping or peeling paint, water leaks from faulty plumbing or defective roofs. You should cooperate with the management office's or the landlord's efforts to repair any deficiencies and keep your unit in good shape. When lead-based paint is removed by scraping or sanding, a hazardous dust is created which can enter the body either by breathing or swallowing the dust. The use of heat or paint removers could create a vapor or fume which may cause poisoning if inhaled over a long period of time. Whenever possible, the removal of lead-based paint should take place when there are no children and pregnant women on the premises.

Remember that you as a parent play a major role in the prevention of lead poisoning. Your actions and awareness about the lead problem can make a big difference.

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I have received a copy of the Notice entitled "Watch Out for Lead-Based Poisoning".

Signed: _____ Date: _____