

OWNER'S GUIDE TO LOCATING A LICENSED LEAD BASE PAINT INSPECTOR / RISK ASSESSOR

Federal and State Governments passed legislation to decrease the incidences of lead poisoning in children. Regulations now require **all deteriorated paint surfaces** to be stabilized, **and** a landlord **must use lead-safe work practices** in performing paint stabilization when the amount of deteriorated surface is **above de minimus levels**:

- 20 sq. ft or more on exterior surfaces
- 2 sq. ft or more on an interior surface in a single room or interior space
- 10% of individual small components on interior or exterior (doors and frames, window sills/frames/sashes, woodwork, eaves, overhangs, gutters, etc.)

A clearance test is also required by a state licensed lead/risk inspector upon completing the work. Note that the LMHA does not provide clearance testing. You must contact a lead inspector / risk assessor ***independently***. Further note that the LMHA cannot provide referrals. However, if you feel you need assistance in locating a licensed lead inspector / risk assessor, you may either contact the Ohio Department of Health at 877-668-5323 / 614-466-1450 – OR – you may visit their website at www.odh.ohio.gov. Instructions on how to navigate their website are as follows:

1. Visit website www.odh.ohio.gov.
2. In the A-Z index guide, click on the letter "L".
3. From the list of categories, select the word "Lead."
4. On the left-hand side of the screen, click on "Lead Poisoning - Abatement."
5. On the left-hand side of the screen, click on "Search Lead Database And Lists."
6. Click on "Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Reports / Lists".
7. Click on the "Lead" radio button.
8. To select your search criteria:
 - (a) Highlight "Abatement Contractor" and click on the ">" sign if you're searching for a contractor to correct and existing lead-base paint problem.
 - (b) Highlight "Risk Assessor" and click on the ">" sign if you're searching for an assessor to determine if lead is present.
9. Select your city or cities in the "Available Cities" list and click on the ">" sign to add them to the search criteria.
10. Select "Approved" from the "Status" listing.
11. Click on "Submit." Note, it may take a while to load your search results.

REMEMBER:

Once you have located a lead inspector / risk assessor that you choose to use, a copy of their license must be provided to our Inspection Department along with the results of the clearance tests.