

Lead-Hazard Prevention and Elimination Act of 2008

The DC government has recently enacted a law that aims to protect the health of young children and pregnant women by requiring that rented properties be assessed for lead-based paint residue. While at this time the law affects properties with children 6 years of age and younger, it could effect you.

We highly recommend that you comply with the law by first making sure that all the paint is in good shape with no loose or chipped places inside and out. Once any repairs are made, have the unit thoroughly cleaned by a person/company familiar with lead-based paint testing practices. Next, hire a lead-based paint inspector to make an assessment following this cleanup. Should there be any lead-based paint or lead-based paint dust found, it will have to be abated prior to tenants taking occupancy. Remember that these extra layers of preparation will require more time...and expense. This office will make certain to coordinate with new occupants to insure a smooth move-in; it will be up to you however to insure that the additional requirements are met. If you need assistance or referrals, we will be happy to oblige.

Please let us know if you have questions.