

A Message from the Department of Community Affairs

Lead poisoning is the No. 1 environmental health issue affecting children under the age of 6. Each year, nearly 5,000 New Jersey children are diagnosed with dangerous levels of lead in their blood. But childhood lead poisoning is entirely preventable.

New Jersey has launched Lead-Safe NJ to educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint. Our goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by 2010.

We need to educate parents about common sources of lead, about methods to minimize exposure to lead and about the importance of nutrition. DCA's proactive approach to lead poisoning prevention is in line with the Lead-Safe NJ initiatives to protect our children's health.

Visit our Lead-Safe New Jersey website at www.lead safenj.org for information on DCA programs, and how to eliminate lead hazards from your home.

An ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure.



How the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund Can Help You

Relocation

The **Emergency Relocation Assistance Program** provides financial assistance to relocate a child and his/her family when that child has tested positive for lead poisoning AND that child is removed from his/her primary residence in connection with an order to abate lead-based paint hazards.

The program can pay up to 100% of the actual costs of moving expenses, security deposits, rent payments or subsidies.

Remediation

The **Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund** offers financial assistance to homeowners and property owners to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the home.

Eligible housing includes both owner occupied and investor owned properties that contain lead hazards. The housing must have been built before 1978.

The LHCA Fund provides 3% interest loans. Property owners from all income levels are eligible to apply for repayable loans with some opportunities for forgivable loans for low-income households.

For more information on any of our programs or for a free lead test kit for your home please call 1-877-DCA-LEAD or visit www.lead safenj.org.



Other Programs You Should Know About

The Lead-Safe Housing Registry

This list tracks the lead-safe status of housing units in New Jersey. Housing units on the registry are either lead-free, lead-abated, lead-hazard controlled or lead-free interior. It is available via our website.

Lead-Safe Maintenance of Rental Housing

New Jersey is the first state in the nation to address lead hazards through a systematic, statewide program for the inspection of multiple dwellings. In the next five years, the DCA will inspect approximately 850,000 dwelling units for lead hazards.

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