

Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning: Online Resources for Property Owners

Landlords who maintain paint in good condition can help ensure that their tenants and their investments are protected from dangerous lead hazards. There is no safe blood lead level for children and scientific evidence shows that even low blood lead levels in children are associated with IQ deficits, attention-related behaviors, and poor academic achievement. Effective March 2015, the Maine CDC updated its pediatric blood lead testing guidelines. The following resources provide facts and information useful to property managers:

- Maine DHHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has a wide variety of Tip Sheets and other resources at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/eohp/lead/index.shtml>
- Maine DEP Lead Prevention website has information on laws and sample contracts at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/lead/index.html>, see also the link Information for Landlords and Property Managers under Additional Information
- Maine State Housing Authority's Lead Hazard Control Program has information on loans and grants for lead safety improvements at <http://mainehousing.org/programs-services/HomeImprovement/homeimprovementdetail/LeadHazardControl>
- Maine EPA has information if you are interested in qualifying for various certifications including the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) certification.
 - Lead training courses
descriptions: <http://maine.gov/dep/waste/lead/leadtrcourses.html>.
 - Training course **schedule** available at www.maine.gov/dep/waste/training/trainingcal.html.

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