

Your home may have lead paint hazards

What are lead paint hazards?

Lead is a heavy metal that was used in paint until 1978. Homes built before 1978 are likely to have lead paint. Lead paint is a hazard when it cracks, chips, or creates dust that can be swallowed or inhaled. Lead dust is the most common source of lead poisoning in children. Older painted windows, doors, and porch floors often create lead dust.

Why is lead dangerous?

There is no safe level of lead exposure. Even a very small amount of lead dust can cause health problems for children and adults, but it affects children and developing fetuses more severely. Some possible health effects include:

- Brain, kidney, and liver damage
- Slowed growth and development
- Behavior and learning problems
- Miscarriage and premature births

You may be eligible for grant funds to fix lead paint hazards!

Eligibility Requirements

- Owner-occupied or rental home was built before 1978.
- Owner-occupied homes must have a pregnant person or a child under age 6 residing or visiting the home regularly.
- Rental homes without a pregnant person or a child under age 6 residing or visiting the home regularly may be eligible and are encouraged to apply.
- Meet household income requirements.
- The home is in the following counties:
 - Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborne, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona.



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