



# Malden Redevelopment Authority

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Dear Tenant:

Your landlord is applying for assistance from the Malden Lead Hazard Control/Healthy Homes Program. If the application is approved, lead hazard control work will be performed in your apartment. To determine if the property meets the guidelines of our program, we must have the following application completely filled out. We realize that some of the information is personal, however, all information will be kept confidential. Please complete all information on this form, and return it to our office or mail it directly to the owner. Thank you.

Please complete the following enclosed forms:

1. Tenant Certification Form.
2. Unit Information Form.
3. Occupant & Income Form.
4. Zero Income Affidavit (this form must be filled out by all household members 18 years of age and older that do not have income).
5. Blood Lead Level Test Form for Children Under Six.
6. Visiting Child Verification Form.
7. Tenant Information/Agreement Form.
8. Instructions to Prepare Your Apartment/Home for Lead Hazard Control.
9. Dispute Resolution Agreement.
10. Tenant Lead Law Notification.

Please provide the following information:

1. Birth certificates for all children less than six years old.
2. THE MOST RECENT TAX RETURN(S) FOR ALL OCCUPANTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER. TAX FORMS MUST BE IRS FORM 1040.
3. THREE RECENT PAYSTUBS FOR OCCUPANTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER MAY BE ACCEPTED IF THE IRS FORM(S) 1040 ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please take time to read and understand all of the information provided. If you have any questions or need help with the forms, please contact us at 781-397-1940.



Sincerely,

MALDEN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

# TENANT CERTIFICATION FORM

I (tenant) certify that I have received the following: (check all that you received)

Tenant Lead Law Notification (see the last three pages)       Lead Inspection Report       Risk Assessment Report  
 Letter of Interim Control       Letter of Full Compliance

## Tenant Information (Please Print):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Owner/Managing Agent Information (Please Print):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's/Managing Agent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (owner/managing agent) certify that I provided the Tenant Lead Law Notification/ Tenant Certification form and any existing lead law documents to the tenant, but the tenant refused to sign this certification. The tenant gave the following reason:

\_\_\_\_\_

The Massachusetts Lead Law prohibits rental discrimination, including refusing to rent to families with children or evicting families with children because of lead paint.

This form is also available from the Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the following languages: Cambodian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Laotian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) has additional information on a full range of topics related to lead poisoning prevention, tenants' and owners' rights and responsibilities under the Lead Law and Regulations, financial assistance for owner, and safe deleading and renovation work. CLPPP can be reached at 1-800-532-9571. More information is also available from your local lead poisoning prevention program, or your local Board of Health.

**Tenant and owner must each keep a completed and signed copy of this form.**

# MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM UNIT INFORMATION FORM

**This form is to be completed by the head of household. If the unit is vacant, the owner must complete it, indicating the unit is vacant, and state the amount of rent that will be charged.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

(required if you wish a relocation stipend – if eligible.)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive rental assistance? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what amount does your agency pay? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How Many days were you out of the unit?

Total days relocated: \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor compliance with equal credit opportunity and fair housing laws. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that an agency may neither discriminate on the basis of this information, nor on whether you choose to furnish it. However, if you choose not to furnish it, under Federal regulations this agency is required to note race and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. If you do not wish to furnish the above information, please check the box below.

**I do not wish to furnish this information**

### Race/National Origin:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- Hispanic or Latino

**Sex:**  Female  Male

**Female Head of Household:**  Yes  No

## MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM OCCUPANTS & INCOME FORM

Please list every person living in your unit (include yourself).

The information below will be used to determine if you qualify for this program. This information will be kept confidential. If you do not provide this information, the application may be delayed or denied.

**Proof of income for each working adult over 18 year of age is required. Please see Page 1 of this application. Please indicate if any occupant is a full-time student (a copy of the Student ID is required). All occupants 18 years of age and older that do not work or did not have any income in 2020 must fill-out and sign the Zero Income Affidavit on the following page.**

First	Last	Age	Date of Birth	Sex	Race (optional)	Gross Income (Indicate if yearly, monthly or weekly)

Race: W=White, B=Black, H/L=Hispanic/Latino, N=Native American or Alaskan Native, A=Asian or Pacific Islander, O=Other. The above Race/national Origin information has been requested by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for monitoring purposes only. You are not required to furnish this information. The law provides that a lender may neither discriminate on the basis of this information, nor on whether you choose to furnish it. This information is provided in compliance with federal requirements and is subject to verification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Family Size: \_\_\_\_\_ ; # of Children Under 6 years: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
Income: \_\_\_\_\_ ; % of Median \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM  
ZERO INCOME AFFIDAVIT**

**This page must be completed by each household member 18 years of age and older that does not work or did not have any income in 2020.**

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I do not individually receive income from any of the following sources:

1. Wages from employment (including commissions, tips, bonuses, fees, etc.).
2. Social Security payments, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, or death benefits.
3. Unemployment or disability payments.
4. Public assistance payments.
5. Periodic allowances such as alimony, child support, or gifts received from persons not living in my household.
6. Income from the operation of a business.
7. Rental income from real or personal property.
8. Interest or dividends from assets.
9. Sales from self-employed resources.
10. Any other source not named above.

**I certify under penalty of law that the information contained in this declaration is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM  
BLOOD LEVEL LEAD TEST FORM FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Head of Household)

**Proof of age for children under 6 years of age is required for all children that are permanent residents of the apartment. Examples include, but are not limited to, a birth certificate, medical records or school records.**

**Any children under 6 years of age, who visit the property often, should be listed on the NEXT page. Lead test information is not required for visiting children.**

**Please complete the following information for all children under six year of age who are permanent residents of the property. Please report if the children had their blood lead levels tested in the past six months.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Results \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Results \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Results \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Results \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Results \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The above listed children **have not** had their blood lead levels tested in the past three (3) months; however I agree to have them tested at this time and will supply the results to the Malden Lead Hazard Control Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ For religious and/or personal reasons, I choose **not to have** my child (children) tested for lead.

I/We voluntarily disclose this information. I/We understand that disclosure of this information is not required for participation in the Malden Lead Hazard Control Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**The Malden Board of Health provides free blood lead testing for all households participating in our program. If you would like to have a free lead test for your child, please call the Malden Board of Health at 781-397-7049.**

# MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM VISITING CHILD VERIFICATION FORM

The Malden Redevelopment Authority's Lead Hazard Control Program is specifically targeted towards dwelling units with children under six years old who may be exposed to lead hazards. **This includes visiting children.** Please complete this form if any child visits your apartment for a minimum of three hours per day on two separate days per week for a total of at least 60 hours per year. This form applies to visiting children, not permanent residents.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ I/We are pregnant and expecting a child.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ I/We do not have a child 6 or under who visits at least 6 hours a week
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ I/We have a child 6 or under who visits at least 6 hours a week.

If you checked off the last answer please give a brief description of who visits the unit  
(Examples: grandchild, niece/nephew, friend's child, someone you babysit).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please note that your answers are confidential and will be used for the Malden Redevelopment Authority's records **only**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM TENANT INFORMATION/AGREEMENT FORM

## **PLEASE READ & SIGN THIS FORM**

### **Program Requirements:**

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Your landlord has already agreed to the terms of the program. In order for deleading work to take place, you must also agree to the following:

### **Relocation during deleading work:**

During the time that the deleaders are working in your unit, your family cannot live at the property and will have to temporarily relocate. The **average time is 10 working days**, although it can take longer or shorter depending on the amount and kind of work being performed. You cannot go in and out of your unit during this time. You cannot move back in until you have been notified that the work is finished and it is safe to go home. To make sure your unit is safe; the lead inspector will take samples for lead dust throughout your home. A laboratory will test these wipes samples. Relocation is required so that no member of your family will be exposed to lead hazards during deleading. The Massachusetts Lead Law requires relocation during high or moderate risk deleading projects.

The Malden Redevelopment Authority offers the following **options** to relocate tenants during lead hazard control work. The Massachusetts Lead Law requires all occupants to be relocated during high or moderate risk deleading projects.

1. A stipend of **\$100 per day, per household up to a maximum of \$1,000**, for you to relocate (if you stay at a friend's or relative's house). To generate a check, we need your Social Security Number. The check will not be released to you until after the work is done. The check is only released if you have followed all the terms of the program. Only **ONE** check will be issued per dwelling unit. You will need a government-issued photo ID to pick-up the check. It may take up to fourteen days for you to receive your check after you return home.
2. Stay in a hotel unit at the **Holiday Inn Express, 250 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, MA 02141**.

**Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Preparing your apartment for lead hazard control:**

You are responsible for packing and storing your belongings in any room where lead hazard control will be performed. Attached are the detailed instructions on how to prepare your unit. Basically, all items must be off the walls, curtains/shades removed, decorations, pictures, breakables all put away. All closets should be emptied. Clothing can stay on hangers; lay them on top of beds. Move furniture to the middle of the room (pile things on top of each other if needed). Everything will be covered with plastic and sealed. We recommend taking valuable items out of the unit for the duration of the lead hazard control work. **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Non-Liability of personal injury/damage:**

I will indemnify and hold the Malden Redevelopment Authority and its officials harmless against any claims for injury or damage of any kind to persons or property occurring or arising during this program. **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return this copy**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Head of Household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# **MALDEN LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM**

## **Instructions to Prepare Your Apartment/Home for Lead Hazard Control**

### **PLEASE READ & SIGN THIS FORM**

**YOU MAY NOT LIVE IN YOUR APARTMENT DURING LEAD HAZARD CONTROL WORK.  
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW.**

PLEASE REMOVE and TAKE WITH YOU ALL VALUABLES AND/OR HAZARDOUS ITEMS (Examples: jewelry, cash, firearms, etc.)

ALL PERSONAL ITEMS and MOVABLE OBJECTS must be PACKED and STORED, or removed. When possible, you should remove your belongings and temporarily store them elsewhere. (Examples: food, dishes, pots, pans, curtains, draperies, window blinds, window shades, wall hangings, area rugs, toys, and clothing)

If there is a room(s) that is not being deleaded, please ASK THE Lead Hazard Control Program if you can store items in that room.

ALL breakable items should be removed from cabinets or shelves and packed in order to avoid breakage or other damage.

ALL furniture and packed items must be moved to the center of the room, or removed. For example, move the bed to the center of the room. Empty clothing and other items from your closet and pile them on to the bed.

ALL furniture and packed items must be removed from rooms where floors will be deleaded.

Your belongings will be covered with plastic and sealed with duct tape to prevent lead contamination.

PLEASE STORE YOUR BELONGINGS AS COMPACT AS POSSIBLE. Lead hazard control contractors need to have enough room to do their work.

**ALL FOOD MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CABINETS and THE REFRIGERATOR THEN REMOVED FROM THE UNIT.**

PETS CANNOT STAY IN THE UNIT DURING LEAD HAZARD CONTROL WORK. This includes aquariums, fish bowls, hamsters, etc.

If gas to appliances needs to be shut off, it must be done by you and it must be turned back on by you. If contractor has to do this he/she will not be responsible for any damages or problems that may be incurred.

**Please sign below to indicate you have received these instructions and the lead safe pamphlet, "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home."**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep the following page as your copy of these instructions.**

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**Malden Redevelopment Authority  
Lead Hazard Control/Healthy Homes Program  
Dispute Resolution Agreement**

The MRA Program staff will be responsible for handling any initial grievance with a goal of resolving any issues between the Contractor, Tenant and Homeowner.

The Program Manager will be responsible for overseeing the investigation of any grievance or serious complaint lodged against the Contractor, Tenant or Homeowner.

Grievances should be submitted to the Program Manager in writing. Individuals interested in filing a grievance may contact the Program Manager for assistance in doing so.

The Program Manager has ten (10) business days to investigate the grievance and respond in writing to the party filing the grievance. The Program Manager will gather all facts and information to the best of his or her ability. Persons named in the grievance shall be interviewed. The MRA's Executive Director will be notified of all grievances.

The Program Manager will initiate a file that includes the original grievance, a report of findings, and a copy of the Program Manager's determination and notification. The outcome of the grievance will also be documented.

If the person or group filing the grievance does not agree with the outcome, an appeal may be filed with the Executive Director.

Assistance is provided, if necessary, to facilitate any individual in participating in this grievance process.

I have read and understand the grievance policy and procedure.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Tenant Lead Law Notification**

### **What lead paint forms must owners of rental homes give to new tenants?**

Before renting a home built before 1978, the property owner and the new tenant must sign two copies of this **Tenant Lead Law Notification** and **Tenant Certification Form**, and the property owner must give the tenant one of the signed copies to keep. If any of the following forms exist for the unit, tenants must also be given a copy of them: lead inspection or risk assessment report, Letter of Compliance, or Letter of Interim Control. **This form is for compliance with both Massachusetts and federal lead notification requirements.**

### **What is lead poisoning and who is at risk of becoming lead poisoned?**

Lead poisoning is a disease. It is most dangerous for children under six years old. It can cause permanent harm to young children's brain, kidneys, nervous system and red blood cells. Even at low levels, lead in children's bodies can slow growth and cause learning and behavior problems. Young children are more easily and more seriously poisoned than others, but older children and adults can become lead poisoned too. Lead in the body of a pregnant woman can hurt her baby before birth and cause problems with the pregnancy. Adults who become lead poisoned can have problems having children, and can have high blood pressure, stomach problems, nerve problems, memory problems and muscle and joint pain.

### **How do children and adults become lead poisoned?**

Lead is often found in paint on the inside and outside of homes built before 1978. The lead paint in these homes causes almost all lead poisoning in young children. The main way children get lead poisoning is from swallowing lead paint dust and chips. Lead is so harmful that even a small amount can poison a child. Lead paint under layers of nonlead paint can still poison children, especially when it is disturbed, such as through normal wear and tear and home repair work.

Lead paint dust and chips in the home most often come from peeling or chipping lead painted surfaces; lead paint on moving parts of windows or on window parts that are rubbed by moving parts; lead paint on surfaces that get bumped or walked on, such as floors, porches, stairs, and woodwork; and lead paint on surfaces that stick out which a child may be able to mouth such as window sills.

Most lead poisoning is caused by children's normal behavior of putting their hands or other things in their mouths. If their hands or these objects have touched lead dust, this may add lead to their bodies. A child can also get lead from other sources, such as soil and water, but these rarely cause lead poisoning by themselves. Lead can be found in soil near old, lead-painted homes. If children play in bare, leaded soil, or eat vegetables or fruits grown in such soil, or if leaded soil is tracked into the home from outside and gets on children's hands or toys, lead may enter their bodies. Most adult lead poisoning is caused by adults breathing in or swallowing lead dust at work, or, if they live in older homes with lead paint, through home repairs.

### **How can you find out if someone is lead poisoned?**

Most people who are lead poisoned do not have any special symptoms. The only way to find out if a child or adult is lead poisoned is to have his or her blood tested. Children in Massachusetts must be tested at least once a year from the time they are between nine months and one year old until they are four years old. Your doctor, other health care provider or Board of Health can do this. A lead poisoned child will need medical care. A home with lead paint must be delead for a lead poisoned child to get well.

### **What kind of homes are more likely to have lead paint?**

In 1978, the United States government banned lead from house paint. Lead paint can be found in all types of homes built before 1978: single-family and multi-family; homes in cities, suburbs or the countryside; private housing or state or federal public housing. The older the home, the more likely it is to have lead paint. The older the paint, the higher its lead content is likely to be.

## **Tenant Lead Law Notification (continued)**

### **Can regular home repairs cause lead poisoning?**

There is a danger of lead poisoning any time painted surfaces inside or outside the home are scraped for repainting, or woodwork is stripped or removed, or windows or walls are removed. This is because lead paint is found in almost all Massachusetts homes built before 1978, and so many of Massachusetts' homes are old. Special care must be taken whenever home repair work is done. No one should use power sanders, open flame torches, or heat guns to remove lead paint, since these methods create a lot of lead dust and fumes. Ask the owner of your home if a lead inspection has been done. The inspection report will tell you which surfaces have lead paint and need extra care in setting up for repair work, doing the repairs, and cleaning up afterwards. Temporarily move your family (especially children and pregnant women) out of the home while home repair work is being done and cleaned up. If this is not possible, tape up plastic sheets to completely seal off the area where the work is going on. No one should do repair work in older homes without learning about safe ways to do the work to reduce the danger of lead dust. Hundreds of cases of childhood and adult lead poisoning happen each year from home repair work.

### **What can you do to prevent lead poisoning?**

- Talk to your child's doctor about lead.
- Have your child tested for lead at least once a year until he/she is four years old.
- Ask the owner if your home has been deleaded or call the state Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) at 1-800-532-9571 or [www.mass.gov/dph/clppp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/clppp). You can also check with your local Board of Health.
- Tell the owner if you have a new baby, or if a new child under six years old lives with you.
- If your home was deleaded, but has peeling paint, tell and write the owner. If he/she does not respond, call CLPPP or your local Board of Health.
- Make sure only safe methods are used to paint or make repairs to your home, and to clean up afterwards.
- If your home has not been deleaded, you can do some things to temporarily reduce the chances of your child becoming lead poisoned. You can clean your home regularly with paper towels and any household detergent and warm water to wipe up dust and loose paint chips. Rub hard to get rid of more lead. When you are done, put the dirty paper towels in a plastic bag and throw them out. The areas to clean most often are window wells, sills, and floors. Wash your child's hands often (especially before eating or sleeping) and wash your child's toys, bottles and pacifiers often. Make sure your child eats foods with lots of calcium and iron, and avoid foods and snacks that are high in fat. If you think your soil may have lead in it, have it tested. Use a door mat to help prevent dirt from getting into your home. Cover bare leaded dirt by planting grass or bushes, and use mats, bark mulch or other ground covers under swings and slides. Plant gardens away from old homes, or in pots using new soil. Remember, the only way to permanently lower the risk of your child getting lead poisoned is to have your home deleaded if it contains lead paint.

### **How do you find out where lead paint hazards may be in a home?**

The only way to know for sure is to have a lead inspection or risk assessment done. The lead inspector will test the surfaces of your home and give the landlord and you a written report that tells you where there is lead in amounts that are a hazard by state law. For interim control, a temporary way to have your home made safe from lead hazards, a risk assessor does a lead inspection plus a risk assessment. During a risk assessment, the home is checked for the most serious lead hazards, which must be fixed right away. The risk assessor would give the landlord and you a written report of the areas with too much lead and the serious lead hazards. Lead inspectors and risk assessors have been trained, licensed by the Department of Public Health, and have experience using the state-approved methods for testing for lead paint. These methods are use of a sodium sulfide solution, a portable x-ray fluorescence machine or lab tests of paint samples. There is a list of licensed lead inspectors and risk assessors at [www.mass.gov/cph/clppp](http://www.mass.gov/cph/clppp).

## Tenant Lead Law Notification (continued)

### **In Massachusetts, what must the owner of a home built before 1978 do if a child under six years old lives there?**

An owner of a home in Massachusetts built before 1978 must have the home inspected for lead if a child under six years old lives there. If lead hazards are found, the home must be delead or brought under interim control. Only a licensed deleader may do high-risk deleading work, such as removing lead paint or repairing chipping and peeling lead paint. You can get a list of licensed deleaders from the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Deleaders are trained to use safe methods to prepare to work, do the deleading, and clean up. Either a deleader, the owner or someone who works for the owner who is not a licensed deleader can do certain other deleading and interim control work. Owners and workers must have special training to perform the deleading tasks they may do. After the work is done, the lead inspector or risk assessor checks the home. He or she may take dust samples to test for lead, to make sure the home has been properly cleaned up. If everything is fine, he or she gives the owner a Letter of Compliance or Letter of Interim Control. After getting one of these letters, the owner must take care of the home and make sure there is no peeling paint.

### **What is a Letter of Compliance?**

It is a legal letter under state law that says either that there are no lead paint hazards or that the home has been delead. The letter is signed and dated by a licensed lead inspector.

### **What is a Letter of Interim Control?**

It is a legal letter under state law that says work necessary to make the home temporarily safe from serious lead hazards has been done. The letter is signed and dated by a licensed risk assessor. It is good for one year but can be renewed for another year. The owner must fully delead the home and get a Letter of Compliance before the end of the second year.

### **Where can I learn more about lead poisoning?**

Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)  
(For more copies of this form, as well as a full range of information on lead poisoning prevention, tenants' rights and responsibilities under the MA Lead Law, how to clean lead dust and chips, healthy foods to protect your children, financial help for owners, safe deleading and renovation work, and soil testing.)  
1-800-532-9571 or 617-624-5757  
[www.mass.gov/dph/clppp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/clppp)

Massachusetts Department of Labor and  
Workforce Development  
(List of licensed deleaders)  
617-626-6960

Your local lead poisoning prevention program  
or your Board of Health, [www.mhoa.com/roster.htm](http://www.mhoa.com/roster.htm)

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
(Information about lead in consumer products)  
1-800-638-2772 or [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I  
(Information about federal laws on lead)  
617-918-1328 or [www.epa.gov/lead/](http://www.epa.gov/lead/)

National Lead Information Center  
(General lead poisoning information)  
1-800-424-Lead (or 5323)