Your Guide to Lead-Safe Renting

=? = Things to look for  ? = Questions to ask

YEAR

Was the house built before 1978?
☐ Yes! Look for these LEAD HAZARDS!!
☐ No! Great! Most likely the house is lead-safe!

WINDOWS

☐ Open & Close them—they should move easily.
☐ Look to see if there is flaking or falling dust when they move.
☐ Look in the window wells or troughs; they should not have paint chips or dirt in them.

☐ Are they new?
☐ Yes! Great!
☐ No

PORCH & PAINT

Outside
☐ Vinyl Sided. Great!
☐ Painted

Inside
☐ Painted walls & woodwork

Chipping, peeling or bubbling paint anywhere is a LEAD HAZARD.
REPAIRS

- Newly painted walls.
- In good repair.
- Clean.
  Great!
- WHO does the repairs?
- Do they use Lead Safe Work Practices?

EASY CLEANING

- Smooth surfaces, like tile, linoleum, or wood.
- New carpet.
  Great!

DIRT

- Grass, good lawn.
- Wood chips, bushes or flowers along house.
  Great!
- Will you cover the dirt?
- Will the landlord?

DISCLOSURE

- You must be given:
  - Has the house been de-leaded?
    - Ask to see the certificate
  - Is it listed on the Lead-Safe housing registry?
    - Check at www.grcity.us
  - Have any lead poisoned children lived here in the past?
- You will be asked to sign a paper saying you received this booklet or a copy of it.
- This does not mean the house is lead-safe! It only means you received the booklet.

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