



Lead

Information for Renters

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What is the Massachusetts Lead Law?

- The Massachusetts Lead Law protects a child's right to a lead-safe home.
- The Lead Law requires the removal or covering of any lead paint hazards in any home built before 1978 where a child under the age of 6 lives.
- Both homeowners and landlords are responsible for complying with the Lead Law. They are required to make the home lead-safe if a child under 6 lives there.

Can a landlord refuse to rent to me or evict me because of lead in the home?

No. According to Massachusetts laws and the Federal Fair Housing Act, landlords CANNOT refuse to rent to you or evict you if you have children or if the property has lead. Landlords are responsible for correcting lead paint hazards in your home.

If you think a landlord has discriminated against you, call the Boston Office of Fair Housing and Equity at 617-635-2500 or the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination at 617-994-6000.

My landlord is doing work in my home. Is my family safe?

If you are unsure whether your landlord is doing work safely, call the Boston Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 617-534-5965.



Is my home's water lead safe?

- The service line that connects your home to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's water may contain lead.
- Find out whether your home's service line is made from lead by checking the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's lead service line map at www.bwsc.org or by calling 617-989-7888.



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