



Lead

Information for Property Owners

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What is the Massachusetts Lead Law?

- 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.
- 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.

How do I know if there is lead in my property?

- The Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program records the lead history of homes and daycares built before 1978. Look up history at mass.gov/info-details/find-your-homes-lead-history.
- If your property was built before 1978, it may have lead in it. Ask a private lead inspector or the Boston Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to inspect your property.
- 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.



Can I refuse to rent to someone or evict someone because of lead in my property?

No. According to Massachusetts law and the Federal Fair Housing Act, you CANNOT refuse to rent to tenants or evict current tenants if they have children or if the property has lead. As the property owner, you are responsible for correcting lead paint hazards in the home.

If you refuse to rent to or evict someone because they have children or because there is lead in the property, it is considered discrimination. If you do, you can be subject to legal action. Call the Boston Office of Fair Housing and Equity at 617-635-2500 if you have any questions.



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I have a lead service line in my property. What should I do?

Replace it with a new service line.
The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (617-989-7888) offers an interest-free loan and funding towards the cost of replacement.



I have lead paint in my property. What should I do?

- ① Identify monetary resources to pay for deleading. There are resources to help.
 - Lead Safe Boston: Offers grants, with funding determined by the number of units in your home. For more information, call 617-635-0190.
 - MA Lead Paint Removal Tax Credit: With a letter of Full Deleading Compliance, you can get a tax credit when you file your state taxes for each unit that has been delead. For more information, call 617-887-6367.
 - Get the Lead Out: Offers low-cost financing to remove lead paint. For more information, call 617-843-6432.
 - For more financial resources, see the Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Website at mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-financial-assistance-for-deleading.
- ② Consider doing it yourself. To comply with the law, property owners must remove or cover all of the lead hazards in the home. Property Owners who are trained and authorized can do low-risk and moderate-risk deleading. Learn more by visiting www.mass.gov/deleading-on-my-own
- ③ Hire a professional deleader who has been properly trained and certified. See the list of licensed deleaders at mass.gov/finding-and-removing-lead.



People who do not have the proper training can put residents at risk for lead exposure.

Call Boston Public Health Commission at 617-534-5965 or Department of Labor Standards 617-626-6975 if you have concerns about unauthorized work being done.