



HAP CHECK NEWS

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Lead Based Paint- A Clear and Present Danger

In 1992, Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act, to protect families from exposure to lead from paint, dust and soil. The law also directed HUD and EPA to require the disclosure of known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before the sale or lease of most housing built before 1978.

Lead is a highly toxic metal that may cause a range of health problems, especially in young children. When lead is absorbed into the body, it can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs, like the kidneys, nerves and blood.

Before ratification of a contract for lease, landlords must:

- Give an EPA-approved information pamphlet identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards.
- Disclose any known information concerning lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards, including disclosure information such as the location of the lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards and the condition of the painted surfaces.
- Provide any records and reports on lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards, which are available to the landlord.
- Include an attachment to the lease, which includes a Lead Warning Statement and confirms that the landlord has complied with all notification requirements.

For more information, visit HUD's websites at

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/healthyhomes/lead.cfm> or

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/enforcement/disclosure.cfm>

Closed Days Due to City Furloughs

Please note that due to the Citywide furloughs, the Housing Authority Bureau will be closed the last Friday of each month starting in May 2009 through September 2009 (May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, and September 25).

New and Improved Website

When you get a moment, check out our new and improved website at www.HACLB.org It provides you with more program information, contacts and is easier to use. It even has a section specifically for owners.

If you have any suggestions for the website, please send an email to tom.Papademetriou@longbeach.gov

Don't Forget:

Update Your Information

Have you moved, changed your phone number or switched banks or accounts? If you have, please notify Royce Bell at 562.570.6248 or royce_bell@longbeach.gov so we can update our database. Incorrect information can result in a delay of payment.

Direct Deposit of Housing Assistance Payments

Over 2400 owners have already signed up. Have you? Sign up for direct deposit now. Call Royce Bell at 562-570-6348 or send her an email [**Royce_bell@longbeach.gov**](mailto:Royce_bell@longbeach.gov)

Email Notifications of Direct Deposit

Sign up for email notification of your direct deposit. Please send an email to [**HADirectDeposit@longbeach.gov**](mailto:HADirectDeposit@longbeach.gov) with the following information:

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Last 4 digits of your social security number

Email address or addresses to send the notification to you

Independence Day Holiday

The Housing Authority Bureau will be closed Friday, July 3rd for the Independence Day Holiday. The Bureau will resume normal business hours at 7:30 am on Monday, July 6.

On behalf of the Housing Authority Bureau, we wish you all a very safe and happy July 4th celebration!

