

# LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

## NOTICE OF TENANTS' RIGHTS

### Introduction

*This is a Notice of Tenants' Rights which discusses your legal rights under a Maryland law which went into effect October 1, 1994. The purpose of the law is to reduce the number of children poisoned by lead in paint, while maintaining the supply of affordable rental housing in Maryland.*

*Under the law, property owners receive protection from lead paint poisoning law suits if they meet the requirements for paint maintenance, and give tenants educational materials about lead hazards. When the property owner is given written notice of areas of chipping, peeling, and flaking paint in a property, he must repair those areas using lead-safe work practices. Tenants may also receive assistance with moving to a lead-safe house when a family member has a high blood lead level.*

*Please read this material carefully and call the Lead Hotline at (410) 631-4199 or 1-800-776-2706 if you have questions about this law.*

**TDD FOR THE DEAF**

**(410) 631-3009**

### I HAVE JUST MOVED INTO THIS HOUSE. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The property owner should give you this notice and a Lead Information Packet on, or near, the day you move in.

- The property owner may ask you to sign a statement acknowledging that you received these items.

Before you move in, the property owner should have performed Full Lead Hazard Reduction Treatments. This means that when you move in there should be:



- No chipping, peeling or flaking paint;
- Smooth and cleanable window wells and window sills; and
- Smooth and cleanable floors.

After doing the treatments, the property owner must have the unit inspected.

If the house passes the inspection, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the property owner will be given a Lead Paint Risk Reduction Inspection Certificate which states that the treatments were completed properly. This certificate will be on file at MDE.

The owner has the option of testing the house for lead dust instead of doing the treatments. If the house is tested, the lead dust test results will be on file at MDE.

If you wish to know the results of any visual inspection or lead dust tests done to your home, call the Lead Hotline at (410) 631-4199, 1-800-776-2706, or TDD (410) 631-3009.