



# Lead Information for Renters

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## What is the Massachusetts Lead Law?

- The Massachusetts Lead Law protects children from lead poisoning.
- 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. Lead paint hazards include loose lead paint or lead paint on things like windows and door frames.
- 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 MA 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 & Equity at 617-635-2500 or the MA 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 (BCLPPP) at 617-534-5965.
- BCLPPP inspectors can identify whether your home has lead paint. They can also tell you whether work is being done safely and according to the MA Lead Law and the Deleading & Lead Safe Renovation Regulations.

## Is my home's water safe?

- The water provided to your home by Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) is safe. They test it regularly.
- The service line that connects your home to the MWRA'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 (BWSC) lead service line map at [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org) or by calling 617-989-7888.

