



Lead Paint Hazard and Healthy Homes Program Of Westmoreland County

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) estimates that **24 million homes** in the United States have peeling or chipping lead-based paint or high levels of lead dust. The older your home, the greater the chances of having a lead-based paint hazard.

What Are The Risks?

Small children are most at risk from the dangers of lead-based paint. Lead dust can cause problems, especially for young children under the age of 6 years and babies. Lead dust is hard to see and is most commonly found on window sills and floor surfaces.

Exposure to lead can have serious health effects to children such as:

- Behavioral problems
- Damage to the body's vital organs
- Learning deficiencies
- Difficulty with speech and language
- Cognitive impairment

6 Ways to Stay Lead Safe:

1. Get your home checked for lead hazards.
2. Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often.
3. NEVER let children play near or eat peeling paint chips.
4. Keep your home clean and dust-free. Wipe with a sponge around painted areas where friction can generate dust, such as doors, windows, and drawers.
5. For home repairs only hire Lead Certified contractors.
6. Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.



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Our Mission

The goal of Westmoreland County is to protect the health of children and their families from dangerous effects of lead-based paint and other health and safety hazards that are likely to be present in homes built prior to 1978.



About the Program

Many homes constructed prior to 1978 contain lead-based paint. When the paint is disturbed through remodeling, daily wear and tear on doors, windows, and other painted surfaces, or age deterioration, it creates hazardous dust. Eligible applicants will receive financial assistance to address lead hazards found in the home through a **FREE Risk Assessment and Lead-Based Paint Inspection.**

Lead-based work could include:

Window Replacements / Door Replacements / Paint Stabilization / Minimal structural repair / Identify and address other health and safety hazards in your home

Funding

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

Program Requirements:

- The residence must be located within Westmoreland County.
- The unit must have been built prior to 1978.
- A child under the age of 6 years must reside or spend a significant amount of time in the unit *or* a pregnant woman resides in the unit.
- Property taxes and homeowners insurance must be current.
- Maximum income per household size must fall below limits.

Income Guidelines

To be eligible for the program, households must meet the income guidelines listed below:

Family Size	Maximum Income Per Year	Family Size	Maximum Income Per Year
1	\$46,500	5	\$71,750
2	\$53,150	6	\$77,050
3	\$59,800	7	\$82,350
4	\$66,400	8	\$87,650

(Number denotes household size.)

*HUD income level limits are as of 2020 and are subject to change.

Whether you are a homeowner, rental property owner or tenant, it is important that your home is lead-safe. Participation in the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program can make your home lead-safe and family-friendly.

Lead-based paint can be found in windows, doors, porches, railings, siding, and trim.



For more information about lead poisoning please go to:

**Pennsylvania
Lead Information Line:
1-800-440-LEAD**

