

Free Lead Paint Repairs Are Available for Building Owners



Fix Lead Paint Hazards — It's the Law

In New York City (NYC), landlords **must fix** lead paint hazards in the apartments of young children in buildings with three or more units, buildings built before 1960 or buildings built between 1960 and 1978, if the owner knows the building has lead paint. Owners of rental units in any size building **must fix** lead paint hazards on turnover. **It's the law!**

Peeling lead paint is the most common cause of lead poisoning in young children. Lead dust from peeling paint can land on windowsills, floors and toys. When children play on the floor and put their toys and hands in their mouths, they can swallow lead dust. Lead poisoning can cause learning and behavior problems.

Funds Are Available

The Primary Prevention Program (PPP) provides grants to building owners **to fix lead paint hazards in apartments, building common areas and on fire escapes**. Grants average \$10,000 per apartment. You will not have to repay these grants. In buildings where lead paint hazards are being fixed, funds can also be used to:

- Replace windows and doors that present a significant safety hazard
- Repair conditions that can lead to mold, vermin infestation, risk of fall or injury and other health hazards

PPP is an initiative from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the New York City Health Department.





Buildings May Qualify for PPP Funds if:

- They were built before 1960
- At least 80 percent of the rental units are occupied by tenants with low or very low incomes
- Some apartments are occupied by families with young children, pregnant women or people who care for young children
- Owners agree to rent to low-income tenants for five years after the lead repair work is completed
- They are located in one of the targeted areas in NYC

Building owners must meet all the criteria listed above in order to be eligible for PPP funds.

Applying Is Easy, but Funding Is Limited

To receive funding, building owners must complete an application and meet all program requirements. For buildings with repair needs that do not meet program requirements, rehabilitation loan programs may also be available. To request an application or learn more about additional funding, **call 311** and ask for the Lead Treatment Primary Prevention Program or visit **nyc.gov/development-programs** and click on Primary Prevention Program in the Preservation section.



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