

This is a message from the Army to help you...

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM LEAD IN YOUR HOME...

American apartments and homes built before 1978 often have paint with lead in it. There are other ways that lead can come into the home. It can be brought home on work clothes. It can also come from hobbies, such as casting sinkers or working with stained glass.

A new law says that families moving into housing built before 1978 must get the pamphlet that is attached. This pamphlet tells you what you should know about lead in the home. It also tells you what you and your installation should do about lead, if you know or think that it's in your home.

Your installation must also tell you everything that is known about lead-based paint and lead hazards in your home.

WHERE THE ARMY STANDS...

Our commitment is to provide healthy living conditions, now and in the future, for all of our soldiers and their families. Healthy conditions mean low blood lead levels in children.

High blood lead levels are much more rare among Army children than among American children in general. This is because Army installations, and families like yours, keep their homes clean and in good shape.

There's still more for us to do. We want all of our children to have blood lead levels that are less than the U.S. Public Health Service's level of concern. Some installations have reached this goal -- the rest are working on it.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO...

The biggest step that you and your family can take to keep your children safe is to learn about lead and where it may be found. Please take a few minutes to read these messages.

WHAT YOUR INSTALLATION IS DOING...

Your installation has trained specialists who check Army housing for sources of lead. When they find them, they manage them safely. They keep an eye on lead-contaminated paint to make sure it doesn't peel or chip.

You can help them by telling them about possible sources of lead that you see. Tell them about any chipped or peeling paint around your home.

Your installation will tell you what they have done and what they are doing to protect your children from lead.

TESTING YOUR CHILDREN FOR LEAD...

Army clinics offer blood lead tests for every baby at the 12-month well-baby visit. Whenever you bring your young child in, your doctor will ask you about sources of lead, and will tell you if your child should be tested.

Your clinic will also test your children on request.

TO FIND OUT MORE...

See the message from your installation on the other half of these cover sheets. This message gives you a phone number that you can call to reach your installation lead experts.

Please call them if you have any questions about lead, or need help to protect your family from lead in your home.