

## Lead Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **I heard about this new lead ordinance that was passed by the City of Toledo. What is this about?**

This ordinance was passed to help combat the ongoing issue of lead poisoning within the City of Toledo. Lead poisoning poses serious health threats to adults and especially children. Children are more susceptible to the hazards because their bodies are still developing and are more likely to ingest lead through hand-to-mouth contact. Fetuses are also vulnerable to the effects of lead paint because women of child bearing age can, when they become pregnant, transfer lead to their fetuses, which can result in adverse developmental effects.

### **What are health effects of lead poisoning?**

Even low levels of lead in a fetus or young child can produce a variety of impairments and health related problems, including reduced intelligence and attention span, learning disabilities, hearing impairments, and behavior problems. The effects are irreversible. The most common exposure to lead hazards come from paint, soil, and dust hazards both from deteriorated lead-based paint and from lead-based paint on friction, impact, and chewable surfaces. These conditions can be found in homes built before 1978.

### **I own property and rent out my homes in the City of Toledo. What do I need to do?**

Any rental properties constructed prior to 1978 and in-home daycares constructed prior to 1978 will need to register with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and obtain a Lead-Safe Certificate.

### **What do I need to do to register my rental property or in-home daycare with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department?**

The following items are needed in order to register your property:

- 1) A completed application
- 2) A *Lead-Safe Report* issued by a *Local Lead Inspector*
- 3) A filing fee of \$45.00

Once these items are submitted to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department they will be processed and a certificate will be issued.

### **How long does the Lead-Safe Certificate last?**

If a Local Lead Inspection takes place and the property fails the initial visual inspection and dust wipe test, a re-inspection must be done and the home must pass the visual and dust wipe test in order to obtain a Lead-Safe Certificate. If this is the case, the Lead-Safe Certificate is valid for three (3) years.

If a Local Lead Inspection takes place and the property passes upon the first inspection, the Lead-Safe Certificate is valid for six (6) years.

If the property has undergone Lead Abatement in eliminating lead hazards consistent with the Ohio law, the Lead-Safe Certificate is valid for twenty (20) years.



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### **Who can conduct a Local Lead Inspection?**

A *Local Lead Inspector* is an individual registered through the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department that is licensed by the Ohio Department of Health as a lead risk assessor, lead inspector, or Clearance Technician. If they are not registered through the TLCHD, then they would not be qualified to do the inspection.

### **How can I become a Local Lead Inspector?**

To be a *Local Lead Inspector*, you will need to either be a lead risk assessor, lead inspector, or clearance technician. The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is working to bring training classes to be a clearance technician to Lucas County.

### **How do I know who are registered Local Lead Inspectors with the Health Department?**

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department will maintain an updated listing on our website at <http://www.lucascountyhealth.com/environmental-health/lead-prevention/>

*As we receive additional questions, this listing of FAQs will be updated.*

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