



ATTENTION!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Do you own rental properties
constructed prior to 1978?

If so, Maryland's lead laws
may apply to you.



Maryland Department
of the Environment

WHAT:

Effective January 1, 2015, all residential rental properties constructed prior to 1978 must comply with Maryland's Lead Risk Reduction in Housing Act.* The law requires rental property owners to:

1. Register all their rental dwelling units every year with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The cost of registration is \$30;
2. Have lead paint inspections prior to changes in tenancy; and
3. Distribute specific lead risk educational materials.

WHO:

Owners of rental properties constructed prior to 1978.

WHY:

- Protect your tenants and yourself from health risks. The change in Maryland's lead law aims to reduce lead poisoning cases linked to homes built before 1978 and to help eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Maryland.
- The use of lead paint was prohibited in 1978, however, reports in recent years have shown that a significant percentage of new childhood lead poisoning cases are linked to homes built from 1950-1978. This law previously applied to properties built before 1950.
- Without certification and by not following approved practices, property owners can face fines and potential lawsuits.

WHEN & WHERE:

Register or renew your property now through January 1, 2015 at:

www.mde.maryland.gov/LeadRegistration

QUESTIONS:

Questions on registering your property can be directed to mde.leadreg@maryland.gov.

*This replaces the Maryland's requirement to register properties built before 1950.