



# Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Overview

## What You Need to Know

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission, established under Environment Article 6, Subtitle 8, advises the Department of the Environment, the Legislature, and the Governor regarding lead poisoning prevention in Maryland.

### **COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

The Commission consists of 19 members. Of the 19 members:

- One shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate
- One shall be a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House
- 17 shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
  - The Secretary or the Secretary's designee
  - The Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee
  - The Secretary of Housing and Community Development or the Secretary's designee
  - The Maryland Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee
  - The Director of the Early Childhood Development Division, State Department of Education, or the Director's designee
  - A representative of local government
  - A representative of a nonprofit organization that works on lead poisoning prevention issues in the State
  - A representative of owners of rental property located in Baltimore City built before 1950
  - A representative of owners of rental property located outside Baltimore City built before 1950
  - A representative of owners of rental property built after 1949
  - A representative of a child health or youth advocacy group
  - A health care provider
  - A child advocate
  - A parent of a lead poisoned child
  - A lead hazard identification professional
  - A representative of child care providers
  - A representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

In appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall give due consideration to appointing members representing geographically diverse jurisdictions across the State.



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### **TERM**

- The term of a member appointed by the Governor is 4 years.
- A member appointed by the President and Speaker serves at the pleasure of the appointing officer.
- The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for the members of the Commission on October 1, 1994.
- At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

### **MEETINGS**

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the times and places it determines. Currently, the Commission meets the first Thursday of every month, with the exception of the months of June, July, and August, when there are no meetings scheduled.

### **CHAIR**

From among the members, the Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Commission.

### **QUORUM**

- A majority of the members then serving on the Commission constitutes a quorum.
- The Commission may act upon a majority vote of the quorum.

### **STUDY AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

The Commission shall study and collect information on the effectiveness of the Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Act as it relates to:

- Protecting children from lead poisoning
- Lessening risks to responsible owners
- Effectiveness of the full risk reduction and modified risk reduction treatments
- Ability of State and local officials to respond to lead poisoning cases
- Availability of affordable housing
- Need to expand the scope of this subtitle to other property serving persons at risk, including child care centers, family child care homes, and preschool facilities



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The Commission may appoint a subcommittee or subcommittees to study the following subjects relating to lead and lead poisoning:

- Case management
- Regulation and compliance
- Lead paint abatement service provider education and training
- Social services
- Educational services
- Legal aspects
- Blood lead testing
- Abatement of lead sources
- Financial subsidies and other encouragement and support for the abatement of the causes of lead poisoning
- Laboratory services
- Other subjects that the Commission considers necessary

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Commission shall review the implementation and operation of this subtitle and, on or before January 1 of each year, starting in 1996, submit a report to the Governor and, subject to the provisions of § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the results of the review, and the Commission's recommendations concerning this subtitle, other lead poisoning issues, and the need for further action that the Commission determines to be necessary.