



## RIHousing LeadSafe Homes Program

Whether you are a property owner or renter, RIHousing can help you reduce the dangers of lead in your home with the LeadSafe Homes Program. The program provides forgivable loans and the support and resources you need to make your home lead safe.

**There are no monthly payments and no out-of-pocket expenses. In most instances, this assistance is free.** Property owners who qualify for the LeadSafe Homes Program may also be eligible for Healthy Homes funding to address other health and safety issues identified in the property.

### THE DANGERS OF LEAD

Childhood lead poisoning is one of the most common pediatric health problems, yet it is entirely preventable. Lead exposure can cause irreversible damage, including loss of intelligence, learning disabilities and behavioral problems. Pregnant women and children under the age of 6 are at greater risk for adverse health impacts as a result of lead exposure.

The most common sources of lead poisoning are lead-contaminated dust, peeling and chipped lead paint, contaminated soil and at-risk jobs that involve lead exposure, such as construction. **Lead is found in most homes constructed prior to 1978.** 70% of Rhode Island homes fall into this high-risk category and likely contain lead paint.

### RIHOUSING'S LEADSAFE PROGRAM:

- Provides forgivable loans to property owners to cover the costs associated with addressing lead-paint problems and, in some instances, other unsafe conditions
- Property owners are subject to no out-of-pocket expenses or monthly payments
- In most instances, assistance is free
- Homes build before 1978 (the year that lead was banned from paint) are eligible for the assistance



### TYPICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY MAY INCLUDE:

- New windows and doors
- Interior and exterior painting
- Yard and play area improvements
- Exhaust fans to improve indoor air quality
- Correct trip and fall hazards, install grab bars and railings
- Install Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Detectors

Once the work is complete, a state-certified inspector will issue a Lead-safe Certificate for your home. For rental homeowners, this certificate automatically brings your property into compliance with Rhode Island's lead laws.

### TO APPLY OR GET MORE INFORMATION:

[www.LeadSafeHomesRI.com](http://www.LeadSafeHomesRI.com)

or call: 401.450.1350

