



**HIALEAH HOUSING AUTHORITY**



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## **INFORMATION CONCERNING LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING** **NOTIFICATION**

The interiors of homes and apartments constructed before 1978 often have layers of lead-based paint on the walls, ceilings, window sills and door frames. Lead-based paint and primers may also have been used on outside porches, railings, garages, fire escapes and lamp posts. When the paint chips, flakes or peels off, there may be a real danger for babies and young children.

Children may eat paint chips or chew on painted railings, window sills or other items when parents are not around. Children can also ingest lead even if they do not specifically eat paint chips. For example, when children play in an area where there are loose paint or dust particles containing lead, they may get these particles on their hands, put their hands into their mouths, and ingest dangerous levels of lead.

Has your child been especially cranky or irritable? Is he or she eating normally? Does your child have stomach aches and vomiting? Does he or she complain about headaches? Is your child unwilling to play? These may be signs of lead poisoning, although many times there are no symptoms at all. Lead poisoning can eventually cause mental retardation, blindness and even death.

If you suspect that your child has eaten chips of paint or someone told you this, you should take your child to the doctor or clinic for testing. If the test shows that your child has an elevated blood lead level, treatment is available. Contact your doctor or local Health Department for help or more information. Lead screening and treatment are available through the Medicaid Program for those who are eligible.

Inform other family members and babysitters of the dangers of lead poisoning. You can safeguard your child from lead poisoning by preventing him or her from eating paint that may contain lead. Look at your walls, ceilings, door frames, window sills; are there places where the paint is peeling, flaking or chipping?

You should notify the Management Office or the landlord immediately if the unit in which you live has flaking, chipping or peeling paint, water leaks from faulty plumbing, or defective roofs. You should cooperate with the management office or landlord's efforts to repair any deficiencies and keep your unit in good shape. Remember that you as a parent play a major role in the prevention of lead poisoning. Your actions and awareness about the lead problem can make a big difference.

I have received a copy of the Notice entitled A Watch Out For Lead-Based Paint Poisoning.

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Landlord Name (Please Print)

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Landlord Signature

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Tenant Name (Please Print)

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