

The Vermont Lead Law requires owners of residential rental buildings and child care facilities built before 1978 to help prevent lead poisoning. **Lead poisoning is 100% preventable.**



Owners of rental properties (or the property management company) and child care providers are required to do the following **each year**:

- **Post a notice** asking people to report chipping or damaged paint (available online at healthvermont.gov/emp). Owners of rental properties must also give tenants the “Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home” booklet.
- **Ensure Essential Maintenance Practices (EMPs) are completed** by a certified person who has attended a training approved by the Health Department. A list of training classes is available online at leadsafevermont.org.
- **File a compliance statement** certifying that EMPs have been done. It can be filed online at secure.vermont.gov/VDH/emp.
- **Provide a copy of the compliance statement** to tenants (owners of rental properties only) or the Department for Children and Families (child care providers only) and to their insurance carrier.



What are Essential Maintenance Practices?

EMPs must be completed each year by a certified person and include:

- Inspecting the property inside and outside.
- Identifying areas where paint is in poor condition (chipping or peeling) and promptly fixing it in a lead-safe way.
- Verifying the installation of window well inserts in all wooden windows.
- Removing any visible paint chips on the ground outside the building.
- Performing specialized cleaning.
- Taking precautions when remodeling to prevent the spread of lead dust.



Vermont’s Lead Law Protects Children

Simple maintenance practices can prevent children from being poisoned by lead. Each year about 400 Vermont children are poisoned by lead. Lead poisoning can cause developmental delays, behavior problems, and other health effects. Over time, lead paint crumbles into invisible dust that contaminates homes and soil. Dust or soil clings to hands, toys and objects that children put in their mouths. Children can also eat, chew or suck on lead-painted objects such as windowsills. Learn more at healthvermont.gov/lead.



For More Information

Call the Vermont Asbestos & Lead Regulatory Program at 802-863-7220 or 800-439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont) or visit healthvermont.gov/environment/asbestos-lead.