

Make sure your home is **Lead safe!**

Why should I care about lead in my home?

Exposure to lead can:

- Slow down a child's growth
- Harm a child's brain development



If you don't have children at home and have questions about lead and health, call 888-322-4453.

I know that lead can be in water...where else could lead be in my home?



Lead can also be found in:

- Keys
- Some imported foods and spices
- Makeup and lotions

What should I do to make sure my home is lead safe?



1 Have your **family** tested for lead in their blood! **No out-of-pocket cost!**

Call your doctor

OR

Call the Genesee County Health Department: 810-257-3833

2 Have your **home** and water checked for lead! **FREE!**

Call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services:

866-691-5323 (LEAD)

OR

517-335-9390

How can Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) help?

If you have children living with you and are worried about lead in your home or rental, the Lead Safe Home program will send certified professionals to carefully search for lead in your home.

If lead is found, there is a program to help fix it! Follow the steps above to get started or call 866-691-5323 (LEAD).

Learn more about the home lead test on the other side of this handout.

Have questions?
Call 866-691-5323 (LEAD) or visit www.michigan.gov/leadsafe

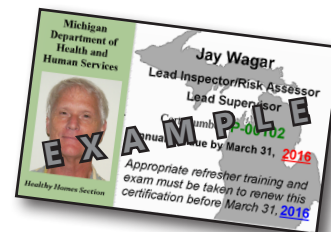
Home Lead Test FAQs

What is a home lead test?

- A test of all things inside and outside your home that may have lead and could harm your family.

Who will do the home lead test?

- Only a person **certified** by the State of Michigan may do the test.
- Every person that is certified by the State of Michigan to do the home lead test will have an ID card with their picture, name, and certification number.
- To check if a person is certified to do the lead home test, please call 866-691-5323 (LEAD) or visit <http://goo.gl/66bcm4>



What happens during a home lead test?

The certified person will:

- Ask you questions about your home or rental.
- Look for paint that is in poor condition (chipped, peeling, or chalking).
- Test all painted surfaces.
- Sample dust on some windows and floors.
- Sample soil in the yard.
- Sample water used for drinking.
- Sample other items in the home like keys, food, spices, and dishes.

Because of the need to carefully search for lead, the home lead test can take 4-8 hours depending on the size of your house and how old it is. Testing and sampling will not harm your home or belongings.

What happens after the home lead test is done?

- The test samples will be sent to a nationally certified laboratory for testing and analysis.
- A report will be sent to you within 20 days. If you live in a rental, the report will be sent to both you and the landlord.
- The report has all the test results, how to fix the areas or items where lead is a problem, and the help available for those fixes.
- If you have questions about the report, call 866-691-5323 (LEAD).

Do I need permission from my landlord to have my rental tested for lead?

- No, your home can be tested without the landlord's permission.
- If there are items or places in your rental that may expose your family to lead, the landlord's permission will be needed to fix them.

How do I get my home tested for lead?

Getting started is easy! Call 866-691-5323 (LEAD) or 517-335-9390.

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