

## 2020 Lead Notice

Beginning January 6, 2020 the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be changing the requirements for lead dust clearance levels and lead dust hazard levels. These changes are to keep MDHHS standards consistent with the current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) lead clearance levels and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead dust hazard levels. Lead dust clearance levels and lead dust hazard levels are thresholds that help determine whether or not a property is lead safe.

The table below compares the current and future lead clearance and hazard levels in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  (micrograms of lead per square foot of surface area):

<u>Surface Area</u>	<u>Current clearance levels</u>	<u>New clearance levels effective Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2020</u>	<u>Current hazard levels</u>	<u>New hazard levels effective Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2020</u>
Interior Floors	< 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$
Porch Floors	No Requirement	< 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	No Requirement	< 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$
Window Sills	< 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$
Window Troughs	< 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$	< 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$

### **Why is the City of Detroit following these new requirements?**

The State of Michigan requires that if you have a lead inspection/risk assessment done on your property the lead inspector/risk assessor that performs the work must be certified by the State. Because the City of Detroit requires all rental units, constructed before 1978, to provide us with a lead inspection and risk assessment report and obtain a lead clearance, we must follow these new requirements.

### **What should I do if I have NOT received a lead clearance for my property?**

If you have not had a lead inspection done we suggest scheduling a lead inspection (see link in resources section for Certified Lead Inspectors & Risk Assessors). Depending on the results of your inspection we recommend using either a State certified Lead Abatement firm or EPA certified RRP firm to remediate any lead hazards that are identified. If you do not use a lead abatement firm or RRP firm worker you may find it more difficult to obtain lead clearance.

### **What should I do if I have already received a lead clearance for my property?**

If BSEED receives and accepts a lead clearance report for a property prior to January 6, 2020 you will not be impacted by the new standards until your next lead clearance is due to the department. If we have a current lead clearance on file for your property you do not need to do anything.

### **Resources**

The MDHHS website has current listings for Certified Lead Inspectors, Certified Risk Assessors and Lead Abatement firms: <https://www.michigan.gov/lead/0,5417,7-310-86959---,00.html>.

To find a RRP certified firm please visit <https://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/pub/index.cfm?do=main.firmSearch>

If you want to know more about the changes contact the MDHHS at [HHSInfo@michigan.gov](mailto:HHSInfo@michigan.gov) or 866-691-5323.

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