

Your property owner has decided to take part in a City and County of San Francisco ("City") program called *Fix Lead SF* (the "Program"). Your participation in this Program is voluntary. The purpose of this Program is to reduce the amount of lead in your building. Reducing the amount of lead in your building will reduce the chances that your children will get lead poisoning.

### **Program Benefits**

The paint, soil, and dust in older homes may contain lead. Lead is a poison. Lead poisoning can harm a young child's brain, nerves, and kidneys. Lead poisoning makes it harder for a young child to learn, to pay attention and can cause behavior problems.

- 1. The inspection provided by the Program detects the presence of lead in your unit.
- 2. The Program aims to remove the most dangerous and difficult-to-fix lead risks in your unit.
- The Program uses trained and certified professionals to do hazardous work safely. Paint dust from remodeling and repainting is dangerous to children. *Fix Lead SF* will do lead work using California Department of Public Health lead-certified professionals.

The booklet, "*Renovate Right*", provides more information. You can also call the Children's Environmental Health Promotion Program of the San Francisco Department of Public Health at (415) 252-3882.

### **Potential Relocation**

For many projects, occupants will leave their units during the workday and will return at the end of the day. In some situations, the Program will recommend that the occupants stay out of their units for several days (always less than 20 days) and the Program will pay for temporary relocation, if a suitable alternative location is not available. Staying away during lead work will protect the occupants' health and safety. Occupants will return to the unit only after an inspector has checked that it is free of lead hazards.

What happens if you need to move for a short period of time?

- Fix Lead SF will contact you directly and find a suitable location for relocation.
- If you need to stay in a hotel, *Fix Lead SF* will pay the hotel directly and repay you for other specific necessary expenses.
- If you do not want to relocate, *Fix Lead SF* cannot ensure your safety and health while work is being performed. Relocation is highly recommended when needed.

Possible Relocation Options: 1 of the following

- An empty unit within your building,
- Stay with family and friends
- A hotel nearby your home
- After the temporary relocation, you have the right to move back into your original unit paying the same rent.



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## **Occupants' Responsibilities**

Unit occupants play a key role in making lead risk reduction work smooth, efficient, and safe. Here's how you can partner with *Fix Lead SF*:

Allow the Program to enter your unit—The Program will enter to do inspections, to write up a list of work to be done, and to do the work. The Program will make an appointment with you whenever possible.

- <u>Prepare your living space</u>—Place smaller personal items in boxes or move them away from work areas. The workers can move your furniture when it is necessary.
- <u>Allow only workers to enter work areas</u>—To protect occupants from lead dust, the work areas will be blocked off. Protect yourselves by not entering the work areas.
- Prepare for temporary relocation, if necessary— Since you cannot enter the work areas, prepare to take the items you would need for a day or more.
- <u>Confirm participation status</u>—Let the Program know whether your family is enrolled in WIC, CalFresh, or MediCal. The City will use this information to ensure that healthy housing is available to all families.

# Participating in the program? No worries!

The City will also call you to answer any questions that you may have.

### Agreement

By signing my name in Appendix B, I agree and declare to the following:

- I have received and reviewed a copy of this Tenant Notification and Agreement, and I understand its contents. I may withdraw my agreement to participate in the Program up to the day of the initial lead inspection of my unit.
- I will allow Fix Lead SF employees, contractors, and agents entry into my unit at the time specified for lead risk reduction activities, including inspection and other work, in connection with this Program.
- When the Program recommends leaving my unit for a short period, I may voluntarily relocate to a hotel or other temporary housing, and the City will cover the cost of the hotel room and certain other specified relocation-related expenses. I understand that agreeing to relocate is the best way to protect the safety of myself and my family while lead risk reduction work is being performed.
- When I agree to vacate my unit temporarily while lead risk reduction work is being performed under the Program, I know that my landlord is not recovering possession of my unit for unjustified purposes according to the San Francisco Rent Ordinance.
- I release and hold harmless the City and County of San Francisco and its contractors, subcontractors, and agents for any losses or damages, including incidental or consequential damages arising from the lead risk-reduction work performed under the Program.

(*Fix Lead SF* will be calling you and sending you more details about the Program. During the call with the Program, you can still change your mind about taking part in the Program.)