# Active Lead Abatement in Your Home

The abatement process for lead is performed by licensed lead abatement contractors and is designed to safely reduce lead hazards in the home, including chipping and peeling paint, dust and bare soil.

### **Requirements of landlords and lead abatement contractors**

- The landlord must post a sign that there are lead hazards in the unit once they are issued an order letter.
- Before the landlord submits the abatement plan for review, they must speak with the local health department to decide the best plan of action for tenants, including how to keep the tenants safe during the abatement process.
- The landlord needs to inform tenants at least 5 days before the start of lead abatement work.
- The lead abatement contractor is responsible for setting up and following all lead safe work practices.

## What to expect

- During an abatement, all personal items must be covered. This may include moving items to the center of the room and covering them with thick plastic before abatement starts. Please discuss arrangements with your landlord and the local health department.
- Lead abatement contractors will seal off doors, windows, ducts, etc., with plastic.
- All furniture, carpets, drapes, etc. must be removed.

## **Preparing for abatement**

- You may need to stay with family or friends during the abatement.
- If abatement work is minor, you may be able to remain in your home during the work. Never remove, unseal, or break down any containment areas.

## For more information

Please contact your local health department, or visit **www.ct.gov/dph/preventlead** 



