



Home Safety

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Communities

Lead Based Paint (LBP) Information

Lead is naturally-occurring and can be found in high concentrations in some areas. In addition, soil, yards, and playgrounds can become contaminated when exterior lead-based paint from houses or buildings flake or peels and gets into the soil. Soil near roadways may also be contaminated from past use of leaded gasoline in cars, dust of lead wheel weights that have broken off of passing vehicles, or even from contaminated sites, including former lead smelters.

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. If you live in housing built before 1978, Balfour Beatty Communities will disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the home as well as provide a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

Lead-based paint that is in good condition is usually not a hazard. The BBC homes built prior to 1978 have had the LBP contained with years of repainting with non-LBP; however, where there is peeling, chipping, chalking, or cracking paint chips, lead-based paint then is a hazard and needs immediate attention. Please either call your Community Manager or submit an online work order if you have chipped or cracked paint.

For more information, visit the EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/>