

Program Income Limits

Person(s) in Household	Maximum Allowed AGI
1	\$37,200
2	\$42,500
3	\$47,800
4	\$53,100
5	\$57,350
6	\$61,600
7	\$65,850
8	\$70,100

■ More Information

For participating areas in Berks County:
Berks County Redevelopment Authority
Berks County Services Center
610-478-6325

For Lead information and materials;
PA Lead Information Line (LIL)
1-800-440-LEAD (5323)

Berks County Redevelopment Authority
Berks County Services Center
633 Court Street, 14th Floor
Reading PA 19601

Lead Hazard Control Program

Berks County, PA



Target Areas:

- All Boroughs and Townships within the County of Berks
- Ricktown area of the City of Reading

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■ The Lead Hazard Control Program

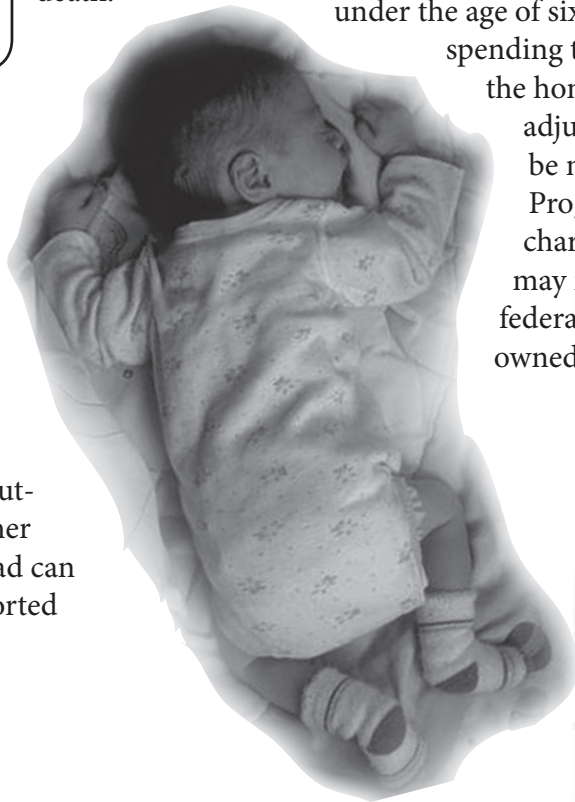
Lead can do great harm, especially to young children. Childhood lead poisoning at low

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The leading cause of lead poisoning is lead dust from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes until 1978.

Young children are exposed to lead dust in older homes through normal everyday activities such as crawling on the floor and putting their hands, toys or other objects in their mouths. Lead can also be found in some imported spices, home remedies and cosmetics.



■ Creating Lead-Safe Homes

The Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP) creates lead-safe home environments for low-income families with children under age six. This program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The LHCP assesses high-risk homes for the purpose of making them lead-safe.

■ Program Eligibility

To be eligible for the LHCP, you must own the house and the house must have been built prior to 1978. You must have a child or children under the age of six living in the household or spending the majority of their time in the home. Your total household adjusted gross income cannot be more than the maximum Program Income Limits in the chart on the right. Your home may not be federally owned, federally assisted or publicly owned.

■ Eligible Target Areas

The Berks County Redevelopment Authority is targeting the following areas to provide program services: the Ricktown area of the City of Reading and all Boroughs and Townships within the County of Berks.

Once program eligibility is determined, certified contractors will be hired to eliminate lead hazards in the homes of families with children under the age of six. These activities are conducted in order to prevent childhood lead poisoning and to prevent further poisoning in children with elevated blood lead levels.

Funds are used to inspect and treat paint hazards in housing that is not federally owned, federally assisted or publicly owned. Inspections and lead hazard control work must be carried out by Pennsylvania certified lead inspectors/risk assessors and contractors.

