

## NEW YORK CITY'S NEW LEAD PAINT LAW (Local Law 38)

**Which Buildings are Covered?** Only buildings with 3 or more apartments

### **The Landlord Must –**

- Ask if a child under age 6 resides in your home when you sign or renew a lease or move into the apartment.
- Send a notice once a year (like the one you receive for window guards) asking if a child under age 6 resides in the apartment.
- **If the landlord knows about the child under age 6, the landlord must:**
  - (1) Visually inspect an apartment once a year for peeling lead paint.
  - (2) Correct all peeling lead paint and deteriorating surfaces.
  - (3) Use safe work practices.
  - (4) Adjust all painted doors and windows to work smoothly.

### **The Tenant Must –**

- Answer **all** notices sent by the landlord.
- Tell the landlord when a child under age 6 resides or moves into an apartment.
- Let the landlord into the apartment to inspect and make repairs.
- **If you see peeling paint:**
  - (1) Immediately notify the landlord in writing.
  - (2) Immediately call HPD to report peeling lead paint. [HPD must inspect the apartment within 10-15 days.]
  - (3) Have children tested for lead poisoning regularly.

**Which Buildings are Covered?** Only buildings built before 1960 with 3 or more apartments. If you need repairs, call **HPD at 212-824-4328**.

If you think the landlord is removing lead paint unsafely, call the **Department of Health at 212-676-6355**.

This is not a complete list of the landlord's responsibilities and the tenant's rights. If you have children under 6, ask a medical or housing advocate for more information and help.