

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
RAMONA GARDENS**

Notification of Results of Lead-based Paint Testing



Dear Resident:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Public Housing Authorities to test their housing units built before 1978 for the presence of lead-based paint and to notify residents of the results.

Lead-based paint testing was performed at the **Ramona Gardens** Development and some positive results were found. This means that lead-based paint was found in a few places on the inside and outside of units. The places where lead-based paint tested positive are:

Inside

- **doors (including entry), windows & frames**
- **walls**
- **floor & ceiling molding (baseboard & crown)**
- **ceilings**
- **floors**
- **wall protective railings (bathroom chair rails)**
- **closet shelves**
- **stairway areas (steps, posts and railings)**

Outside

- **entry doors, windows & frames**
- **walls**
- **shade coverings (canopies)**
- **roof overhangs (eaves)**

Chipping or cracking lead-based paint may be a health risk for your family. This is especially true if you are pregnant or you have children younger than seven living with you who may chew on chipped paint. If you see chipping or cracking paint, inform your management office immediately. There are further steps you can take to protect your family from lead poisoning. Keeping your home free from dust by cleaning with a damp cloth or mop and eating nutritious foods are some of the things you can do.

Some indications of lead poisoning include tiredness, vomiting, unwillingness to play or eat, concentration difficulties, head or stomachaches, jumpiness, crankiness or constipation. Your children may have lead poisoning, however, even if they don't seem sick. If you think lead poisoning is possible, get the person tested by a doctor right away. This test is covered by Medi-Cal. A nearby clinic that does blood lead testing is:

Alta Med. Health Center, 1424 Crusado Lane #168, Los Angeles, CA 90033, (323) 226-0623.

If you find out that anyone in your household has an elevated blood lead level, consult with a doctor about treatment and tell the Manager of your development immediately. You may also be eligible to receive a free health check-up for your children (including blood lead level-testing) from the **Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)**. For information on **CHDP**, call **(800) 993-2437**.

The Housing Authority has attached a brochure that tells you what you can do to protect your family from lead. Please read it and do what it suggests. If you want more information about lead-based paint or lead poisoning, you can contact the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority's **Lead-Based Paint Hotline at (800) 974-2292**.