

Project REAL III - Q & A
Information for Parents and Families



1. What is Project REAL III?

Project REAL III (Richmond Effort to Abate Lead) is a program of the City of Richmond, in partnership with Contra Costa County and the City of San Pablo. Project REAL III is charged with continuing to make residential units “lead-safe” for low-income children and families over the next few years, while working to educate our wider community about the dangers associated with lead. Funding for Project REAL III is provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2. Who can participate?

Project REAL III will target houses and apartments, either owner-occupied or rental, in the Iron Triangle and Santa Fe neighborhoods of Richmond, Unincorporated North Richmond, and the City of San Pablo. Property owners who rent to low-income families, and low-income homeowners and tenants with children under the age of six living in one of these communities may be eligible.

3. Why is Project REAL III important?

Lead was a common additive in house paint until its use was banned by the federal government in the late 1970s. All homes built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint, but homes built before 1960 are especially likely to be contaminated. Old paint is prone to chipping and deterioration, and people, mostly children, become poisoned by ingesting the chips and dust that result. Eating chips or breathing lead-contaminated dust from deteriorating lead-based paint is the most common cause of childhood lead poisoning; a serious health risk.

4. What are the benefits of participating in Project REAL III?

Residents and property owners enrolled in the program will be provided with:

- Blood lead testing of children under age six, and subsequent case management;
- In-home evaluation of lead-based paint hazards - XRF testing and risk assessment;
- Remediation of identified lead hazards; and
- Training and materials to assist occupants in maintaining a lead-safe home.

This is a FREE program; there is no cost to participants.



5. How can I enroll in the Program?

Contact Project REAL III at the City of Richmond to get more information and request an application form. If you meet the eligibility requirements, we will guide you through the process of having your children 0-6 years tested for lead poisoning and your home evaluated for the presence of lead-based paint hazards.



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Are you a CalWORKs participant in good standing?

Yes!

Are you a Richmond resident renting & living in an Apartment or House under foreclosure?

Are you a responsible renter in good standing with your landlord?

Yes!

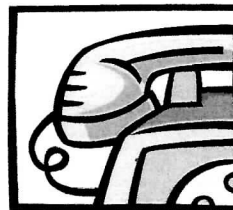
Can you locate & commit to an alternative rental property of similar size and cost to your current space?

Yes!

Do you have a steady flow of income and are you able to transfer &/or set up utility service to/at a new rental?

If you answered yes to All five questions you may qualify for a Foreclosure Rental Assistance Program.

Please Call (510) 412 - 8568



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Project REAL

'Richmond Effort to Abate Lead'

Did you know that...?

- ◆ Many components in homes built before 1978 have paint that contains lead!
- ◆ In 1978 the Consumer Products Safety Commission banned the use of lead-based paint in homes due to the adverse health effects of high levels of lead in children and adults!
- ◆ Lead-based paint largely remains in many older homes, on many painted surfaces and components; and in the form of contaminated dust and soil!
- ◆ Poisoning from Lead is the #1 environmental health risk to children; **BUT IT CAN BE PREVENTED!**
- ◆ HUD recently passed a regulation requiring all contractors participating in any government-funded housing programs to obtain Lead remediation training in order to execute work on any pre-1978 units!
- ◆ Property Owners participating in Section 8 programs are also now required to ensure Lead-safe status for their rental units!

Project REAL, a partnership of local government agencies and community-based organizations, works to reduce lead hazards in our community through:

- ❖ Remediation of home-based lead sources
- ❖ Public education and outreach
- ❖ Blood-lead testing of children, and case management
- ❖ Workshops and training.

For more information please contact Project REAL @ (510) 412-8560.

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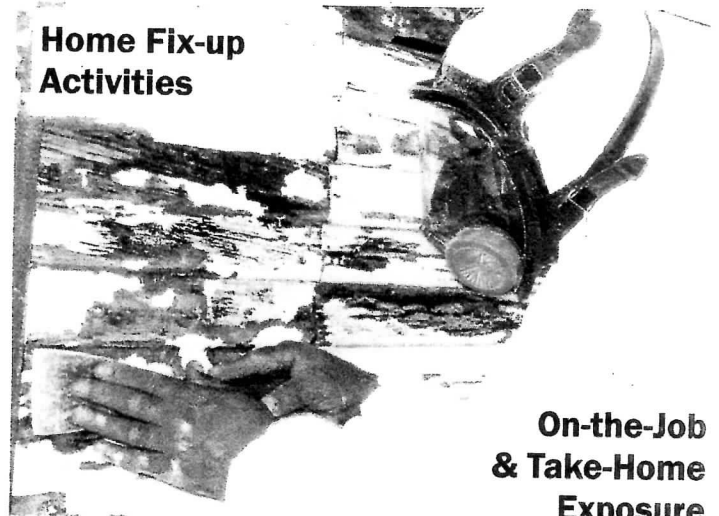
Contra Costa Lead Sources

The primary sources of lead exposure are deteriorating lead-based paint from homes built before 1978 and lead-based paint dust created during home fix-up activities.

Pictured are other potential lead sources.



Imported Ceramics

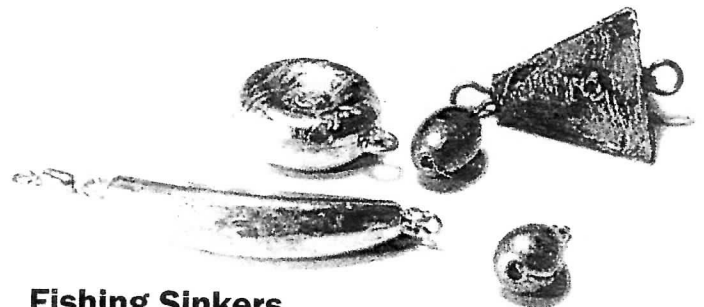


**Home Fix-up
Activities**

**On-the-Job
& Take-Home
Exposure**



**Eye Products &
Home Remedies**



Fishing Sinkers



Children's Jewelry



Imported Candies



Children's Toys