



**PLEASE CALL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND
PRESENTATIVE AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT:**

LEAD SAFE HOMES BILL

HF 616

LEAD POISONING IS IRREVERSABLE

- In Minnesota, there are 359,000 renter occupied units which have potential lead hazards.
- Lead testing is not universal across the state.
- Lead poisoning disproportionately impacts our diverse communities.
- Additional services including special education, disability services and Medicaid are often needed for the lifetime of a child who is poisoned by lead.

This bill allocates \$1 million/ year to ensure more lead safe homes in urban and rural areas.

**Supported by MICAH,
Homes for All Coalition, and JRLC**

References:

- MN Department of Health Report: The Economic Burden of the Environment of Two Childhood Diseases in Minnesota, December 2014
- Testimony from a parent whose children were poisoned and permanently disabled by deteriorating lead paint.

Lead exposure is dangerous for young children and can cause permanent brain damage.

In Minnesota, an average of 700 children are poisoned by lead each year.

It costs \$2500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.

A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal and Medicaid benefits.