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= Things to look for  = Questions to ask

Was the house built before 1978?

☐ Yes! Look for these LEAD HAZARDS!!
☐ No! Great! Most likely the house is lead-safe!

WINDOWS

Are they new?

☐ Yes! Great!
☐ No

Open & Close them—they should move easily.

Look to see if there is flaking or falling dust when they move.

Look in the window wells or troughs; they should not have paint chips or dirt in them.

PORCH & PAINT

Outside

☐ Vinyl Sided. Great!
☐ Painted

Inside

☐ Painted walls & woodwork

Chipping, peeling or bubbling paint anywhere is a LEAD HAZARD.
REPAIRS
- Newly painted walls.
- In good repair.
- Clean.

Great!

Who does the repairs?
Do they use Lead Safe Work Practices?

EASY CLEANING
- Smooth surfaces, like tile, linoleum, or wood.
- New carpet.

Great!

DIRT
- Grass, good lawn.
- Wood chips, bushes or flowers along house.

Great!

Will you cover the dirt?
Will the landlord?

DISCLOSURE
- You must be given:

You will be asked to sign a paper saying you received this booklet or a copy of it.
This does not mean the house is lead-safe! It only means you received the booklet.

Has the house been de-leaded?
Ask to see the certificate
Is it listed on the Lead-Safe housing registry?
Check at www.grcity.us
Have any lead poisoned children lived here in the past?

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