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Dear Resident,

The place you are living at [INSERT ADDRESS] was found to have unsafe levels of lead that contributed to the lead poisoning of a child. Lead exposure can damage the brain and nervous system, slow growth and development, and cause learning and behavior problems as well as hearing and speech problems.

The most common reason children become lead-poisoned is because of deteriorated lead-based paint (dust) in older homes built before 1978. Other potential lead exposure sources include soil, water, and consumer products.

If a child under the age of 6 lives in your home or stays there for more than six hours a week, the Ohio Department of Health recommends that the child get a blood test from a doctor or another healthcare provider to make sure that he/she is not lead-poisoned.

The Ohio Department of Health ordered your landlord as the property owner to fix the lead problems, but he/she is refusing to do so. As a result, Ohio law says that anyone living in the home must move because it has been declared unsafe for people to live there. It is especially unsafe for children under 6 years old as well as pregnant women. A warning sign was posted on the property, and it is unlawful to remove it. ODH monitors such properties to make sure that warning signs are still posted, and that nobody is living there.

You need to look for a different home to live in (a property built after 1978 if possible, since there is less of a chance that it will have lead problems, too). Many Ohio communities have social services organizations or other community resources that can help you find another place to live. You can see a list of properties in your area to avoid because they also have lead problems (available on ODH's website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/pbhazproperties>).

If you have questions about this notice, or about how to get a child tested for lead poisoning, call the Ohio Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (614) 387-1317.

Sincerely,

LHD Representative  
Representative Title  
Name of Health Department