



# Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



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# Are You Planning to Buy or Rent a Home Built Before 1978?

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Did you know that many homes built before 1978 have **lead-based paint**? Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards.

## Read this entire brochure to learn:

- How lead gets into the body
- How lead affects health
- What you can do to protect your family
- Where to go for more information

## Before renting or buying a pre-1978 home or apartment, federal law requires:

- Sellers must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before selling a house.
- Real estate sales contracts must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.
- Landlords must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint.

## If undertaking renovations, repairs, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or apartment:

- Read EPA's pamphlet, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*, to learn about the lead-safe work practices that contractors are required to follow when working in your home (see page 12).



# Simple Steps to Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards

## If you think your home has lead-based paint:

- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
- Always keep painted surfaces in good condition to minimize deterioration.
- Get your home checked for lead hazards. Find a certified inspector or risk assessor at [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead).
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe certified renovation firms.
- Before buying, renting, or renovating your home, have it checked for lead-based paint.
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.
- Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering your house.

# Lead Gets into the Body in Many Ways

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## **Adults and children can get lead into their bodies if they:**

- Breathe in lead dust (especially during activities such as renovations, repairs, or painting that disturb painted surfaces).
- Swallow lead dust that has settled on food, food preparation surfaces, and other places.
- Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

## **Lead is especially dangerous to children under the age of 6.**

- At this age, children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.



## **Women of childbearing age should know that lead is dangerous to a developing fetus.**

- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

# Health Effects of Lead

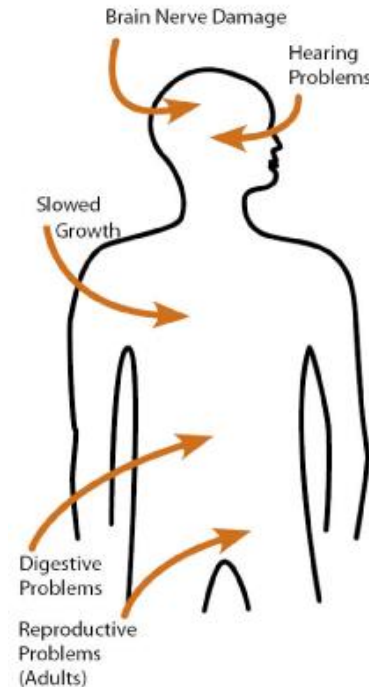
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**Lead affects the body in many ways.** It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

## **In children, exposure to lead can cause:**

- Nervous system and kidney damage
- Learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- Speech, language, and behavior problems
- Poor muscle coordination
- Decreased muscle and bone growth
- Hearing damage

While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high amounts of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and in some cases, death.



Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults, too.

## **In adults, exposure to lead can cause:**

- Harm to a developing fetus
- Increased chance of high blood pressure during pregnancy
- Fertility problems (in men and women)
- High blood pressure
- Digestive problems
- Nerve disorders
- Memory and concentration problems
- Muscle and joint pain

# Check Your Family for Lead

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**Get your children and home tested if you think your home has lead.**

Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect lead. Blood lead tests are usually recommended for:

- Children at ages 1 and 2
- Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead
- Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan

**Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.**

# Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

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In general, the older your home or childcare facility, the more likely it has lead-based paint.<sup>1</sup>

**Many homes, including private, federally-assisted, federally-owned housing, and childcare facilities built before 1978 have lead-based paint.** In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint.<sup>2</sup>

Learn how to determine if paint is lead-based paint on page 7.

## **Lead can be found:**

- In homes and childcare facilities in the city, country, or suburbs,
- In private and public single-family homes and apartments,
- On surfaces inside and outside of the house, and
- In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources, such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Learn more about where lead is found at [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead).

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<sup>1</sup> “Lead-based paint” is currently defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter (mg/cm<sup>2</sup>), or more than 0.5% by weight.

<sup>2</sup> “Lead-containing paint” is currently defined by the federal government as lead in new dried paint in excess of 90 parts per million (ppm) by weight.



# Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

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**Deteriorated lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged paint)** is a hazard and needs immediate attention. **Lead-based paint** may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear and tear, such as:

- On windows and window sills
- Doors and door frames
- Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches

**Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition** and if it is not on an impact or friction surface like a window.

**Lead dust** can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Lead dust also forms when painted surfaces containing lead bump or rub together. Lead paint chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can reenter the air when the home is vacuumed or swept, or when people walk through it. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in dust as hazardous:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and higher for interior window sills

**Lead in soil** can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in soil as hazardous:

- 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil
- 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard

**Remember, lead from paint chips-which you can see-and lead dust-which you may not be able to see-both can be hazards.**

The only way to find out if paint, dust, or soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes how to do this.



# Checking Your Home for Lead

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You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- A lead-based paint **inspection** tells you if your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether your home currently has lead hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a lead-based paint inspector, will conduct a paint inspection using methods, such as:
  - Portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine
  - Lab tests of paint samples
- A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a risk assessor, will:
  - Sample paint that is deteriorated on doors, windows, floors, stairs, and walls
  - Sample dust near painted surfaces and sample bare soil in the yard
  - Get lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples
- A combination inspection and risk assessment tells you if your home has any lead-based paint and if your home has any lead hazards, and where both are located.



Be sure to read the report provided to you after your inspection or risk assessment is completed, and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

## Checking Your Home for Lead, continued

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In preparing for renovation, repair, or painting work in a pre-1978 home, Lead-Safe Certified renovators (see page 12) may:

- Take paint chip samples to determine if lead-based paint is present in the area planned for renovation and send them to an EPA-recognized lead lab for analysis. In housing receiving federal assistance, the person collecting these samples must be a certified lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor
- Use EPA-recognized tests kits to determine if lead-based paint is absent (but not in housing receiving federal assistance)
- Presume that lead-based paint is present and use lead-safe work practices

There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency for more information, visit [epa.gov/lead](https://epa.gov/lead), or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

# What You Can Do Now to Protect Your Family

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**If you suspect that your house has lead-based paint hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:**

- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. (Remember: never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.)
- Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.
- Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas, and again afterward.
- Wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe Certified renovation firms (see page 12).
- Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron, and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

# Reducing Lead Hazards

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**Disturbing lead-based paint or removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.**

- In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition, you can **temporarily** reduce lead-based paint hazards by taking actions, such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover lead-contaminated soil. These actions are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- You can minimize exposure to lead when renovating, repairing, or painting by hiring an EPA- or state-certified renovator who is trained in the use of lead-safe work practices. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, learn how to use lead-safe work practices in your home.
- To remove lead hazards permanently, you should hire a certified lead abatement contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent control.



**Always use a certified contractor who is trained to address lead hazards safely.**

- Hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm (see page 12) to perform renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects that disturb painted surfaces.
- To correct lead hazards permanently, hire a certified lead abatement contractor. This will ensure your contractor knows how to work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly.

Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

## Reducing Lead Hazards, continued

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**If your home has had lead abatement work done** or if the housing is receiving federal assistance, once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be conducted until clearance testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following levels:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for interior windows sills
- 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for window troughs

**Abatements are designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards.** However, lead dust can be reintroduced into an abated area.

- Use a HEPA vacuum on all furniture and other items returned to the area, to reduce the potential for reintroducing lead dust.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, troughs, and other hard surfaces with a damp cloth or sponge and a general all-purpose cleaner. Please see page 9 for more information on steps you can take to protect your home after the abatement. For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 15 and 16), [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead), or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

# Renovating, Repairing or Painting a Home with Lead-Based Paint

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If you hire a contractor to conduct renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or childcare facility (such as pre-school and kindergarten), your contractor must:

- Be a Lead-Safe Certified firm approved by EPA or an EPA-authorized state program
- Use qualified trained individuals (Lead-Safe Certified renovators) who follow specific lead-safe work practices to prevent lead contamination
- Provide a copy of EPA's lead hazard information document, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*



**RRP contractors working in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities must follow lead-safe work practices that:**

- **Contain the work area.** The area must be contained so that dust and debris do not escape from the work area. Warning signs must be put up, and plastic or other impermeable material and tape must be used.
- **Avoid renovation methods that generate large amounts of lead-contaminated dust.** Some methods generate so much lead-contaminated dust that their use is prohibited. They are:
  - Open-flame burning or torching
  - Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment
  - Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F
- **Clean up thoroughly.** The work area should be cleaned up daily. When all the work is done, the area must be cleaned up using special cleaning methods.
- **Dispose of waste properly.** Collect and seal waste in a heavy duty bag or sheeting. When transported, ensure that waste is contained to prevent release of dust and debris.

To learn more about EPA's requirements for RRP projects, visit [epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://epa.gov/getleadsafe), or read *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*.

# Other Sources of Lead

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## Lead in Drinking Water

The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures.

Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986.

You can't smell or taste lead in drinking water.

To find out for certain if you have lead in drinking water, have your water tested.

Remember older homes with a private well can also have plumbing materials that contain lead.

## Important Steps You Can Take to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes.
- Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).
- If you use a filter certified to remove lead, don't forget to read the directions to learn when to change the cartridge. Using a filter after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead.

Contact your water company to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead. Your area's water company can also provide information about the lead levels in your system's drinking water.

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have other questions about lead poisoning prevention, call 1-800 424-LEAD.\*

Call your local health department or water company to find out about testing your water, or visit [epa.gov/safewater](http://epa.gov/safewater) for EPA's lead in drinking water information. Some states or utilities offer programs to pay for water testing for residents. Contact your state or local water company to learn more.

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## Other Sources of Lead, continued

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- **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.
- **Your job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your body or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.
- **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture. Call your local health department for information about hobbies that may use lead.
- Old **toys** and **furniture** may have been painted with lead-containing paint. Older toys and other children's products may have parts that contain lead.<sup>4</sup>
- Food and liquids cooked or stored in **lead crystal** or **lead-glazed pottery or porcelain** may contain lead.
- Folk remedies, such as “**greta**” and “**azarcon**,” used to treat an upset stomach.

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<sup>4</sup> In 1978, the federal government banned toys, other children's products, and furniture with lead-containing paint. In 2008, the federal government banned lead in most children's products. The federal government currently bans lead in excess of 100 ppm by weight in most children's products.

## For More Information

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### **The National Lead Information Center**

Learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and get other information about lead hazards on the Web at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead) and [hud.gov/lead](http://hud.gov/lead), or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)**.

### **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

For information about lead in drinking water, call **1-800-426-4791**, or visit [epa.gov/safewater](http://epa.gov/safewater) for information about lead in drinking water.

### **Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline**

For information on lead in toys and other consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's website at [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov) or [saferproducts.gov](http://saferproducts.gov).

### **State and Local Health and Environmental Agencies**

Some states, tribes, and cities have their own rules related to lead-based paint. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your state or local contacts on the Web at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead), or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access any of the phone numbers in this brochure through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339**.

# U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## Regional Offices

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The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

**Region 1** (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 1  
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, OES 05-4  
Boston, MA 02109-3912  
(888) 372-7341

**Region 2** (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 2  
2890 Woodbridge Avenue  
Building 205, Mail Stop 225  
Edison, NJ 08837-3679  
(732) 906-6809

**Region 3** (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 3  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 814-2088

**Region 4** (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
AFC Tower, 12th Floor, Air, Pesticides & Toxics  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-8998

**Region 5** (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 5 (LL-17J)  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3666  
(312) 353-3808

**Region 6** (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 66 Tribes)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733  
(214) 665-2704

**Region 7** (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 7  
11201 Renner Blvd.  
Lenexa, KS 66219  
(800) 223-0425

**Region 8** (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 8  
1595 Wynkoop St.  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 312-6966

**Region 9** (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 9 (CMD-4-2)  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 947-4280

**Region 10** (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 10 (20-C04)  
Air and Toxics Enforcement Section  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(206) 553-1200

# Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

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The CPSC protects the public against unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, and enforcement. Contact CPSC for further information regarding consumer product safety and regulations.

## **CPSC**

4330 East West Highway  
Bethesda, MD 20814-4421  
1-800-638-2772  
[cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov) or [saferproducts.gov](http://saferproducts.gov)

# U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. Contact to Office Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes for further information regarding the Lead Safe Housing Rule, which protects families in pre-1978 assisted housing, and for the lead hazard control and research grant programs.

## **HUD**

451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8236  
Washington, DC 20410-3000  
(202) 402-7698  
[hud.gov/lead](http://hud.gov/lead)

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# IMPORTANT!

## **Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil in and Around Your Home Can Be Dangerous if Not Managed Properly**

- Children under 6 years old are most at risk for lead poisoning in your home.
- Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- Homes, schools, and child care facilities built before 1978 are likely to contain lead-based paint.
- Even children who seem healthy may have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.
- Disturbing surfaces with lead-based paint or removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.
- People can get lead into their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- People have many options for reducing lead hazards. Generally, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard (see page 10).

**Premises:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Description of Permitted Pet:** (*insert breed, color, age, weight, name, etc.*): \_\_\_\_\_

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# PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FORM

PROPERTY/LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ INSPECTION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Please mark each item for its existing condition. Provide any remarks that describe conditions requiring attention.

Exterior	Existing Condition		Remarks if item needs attention
	Good Condition	Needs Attention	
Foundation			
Walls			
Roof			
Electric Fixtures			
Windows/Screen			
Exterior Doors			
Gutters			
Shutters			
Mailbox			
Porch Deck			
Grounds			
Lawn			
Shrubs/Trees			
Walks			
Driveway			
Fence			
Exterior Storage			
Systems			
Cooling System			
Heating System			
Electrical			
Plumbing			
Security			
Water Softener			
Sump Pump			
Garage Door			
Water Heater			
Lawn Sprinkler			
Living Room			
Floor			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Electric Fixtures			
Windows			
Doors/Locks			
Closet			



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	Good Condition	Needs Attention	
Floors			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Electric Fixtures			
Windows			
Doors/Locks			
Cabinets			
Sink			
<b>APPLIANCES</b>			
Stove			
Refrigerator			
Dishwasher			
<b>BEDROOM 1</b>			
Floor			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Electric Fixtures			
Windows			
Doors			
Closet			
<b>BEDROOM 2</b>			
Floor			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Electric Fixtures			
Windows			
Doors			
Closet			
<b>BEDROOM 3</b>			
Floor			
Walls			
Ceiling			
Electric Fixtures			
Windows			
Doors			
Closet			

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## ASSISTANCE ANIMAL ADDENDUM

**Premises:** \_\_\_\_\_

This Addendum is attached to and made a part of the Residential Rental Contract ("Contract") between Landlord and Tenant for the Premises.

Tenant has demonstrated a need for an assistance animal to alleviate one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of an existing disability. Tenant shall therefore be permitted to keep an assistance animal of the type described below on the Premises on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Description of Permitted Animal** (*insert breed, color, age, weight, name, etc.*): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(the "Assistance Animal")

Tenant acknowledges and understands that the terms and conditions of this Addendum apply only to the Assistance Animal and not to any other animal of any type except to the extent that Tenant acquires another animal in accordance with paragraph 2 below.

2. **Removal of Assistance Animal:** The Assistance Animal may be removed if the Landlord determines that the Assistance Animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated, or the Assistance Animal would cause substantial physical damage to the property of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated. Any such determination must be based on objective evidence about the specific Assistance Animal's actual conduct. If the Assistance Animal is removed, the Tenant shall be entitled to acquire and keep another assistance animal, subject to the terms of this Addendum, provided that unless the need for the assistance animal is obvious, the Tenant shall provide reasonable documentation that the animal in question will provide some type of disability-related assistance or emotional support.

3. **Damages:** Tenant agrees to reimburse Landlord for any primary or secondary damages caused by the Assistance Animal, whether the damage is to the Premises or to any common areas used in conjunction with them.

4. **Tenant Representation:** Tenant represents that to the extent required, the Assistance Animal has been properly licensed and inoculated for rabies and other inoculations for the type of animal.

5. **Tenant Responsibility for Care and Control of Assistance Animal:** Tenant agrees to be responsible for feeding, maintaining, providing veterinary care, and promptly cleaning up after the Assistance Animal. Tenant also agrees that the Assistance Animal will not be tethered, and that when not inside the dwelling, the Assistance Animal will at all times be on a leash, or carried, or kept in a secure, fenced-in area.

6. **Indemnity:** Tenant agrees to take reasonable measures to prevent the Assistance Animal from causing damage to the property or person of any individual, and to indemnify and hold Landlord and Landlord's agents harmless from any liability to third parties which may result from Tenant's keeping of the Assistance Animal.

7. **Insurance:** If Tenant is required to obtain and maintain a renter's insurance policy, Tenant understands and agrees that the policy will include coverage for bodily injury and property damage caused by the Assistance Animal, provided that such coverage is available at no additional cost to Tenant.

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TENANT:

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDLORD:

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_, AGENT

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## MAINTENANCE ADDENDUM

Premises: \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Addendum is to give you, the Tenant, specific examples of things you are responsible for maintaining during the term of your lease so that you will have a better understanding of your obligations under the lease. **It does not list everything you are responsible for maintaining.** Depending on what type of residence you are leasing (apartment, single-family house, duplex, condominium, etc.) and what kind of improvements it contains, some items on the following list may not apply to you.

**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IS EXPECTED OF EVERYONE.**

### VEHICLES

- You and your guests may park only in designated areas and not on the grass
- Keep driveways free of oil and grease
- Do not keep inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on the property
- You and your guests may not work on motor vehicles in the parking lot of the complex

### LIGHTS, FILTERS, FUSES, ETC.

- Replace burned-out electric light bulbs and blown fuses
- Reset tripped circuit breakers and oven timers
- Leave working light bulbs in all electrical sockets at end of tenancy
- Relight oil or gas furnaces and hot water heaters
- Replace heating/air conditioning filters at least every three months
- Leave new filter in the air return at end of tenancy

### CARPETS

- Use a professional carpet cleaning service to steam clean carpets unless you have written permission to clean them yourself

### FIRE SAFETY

- If you have never used a fireplace before, ask for instruction on how to use it
- Do not store ashes in trash cans
- Do not build a wood fire in a fireplace that has connections for gas logs
- Do not use kerosene heaters
- Do not use grills within 10 feet (horizontally or vertically) of anything that will burn

**WATER LINES.** To help prevent water lines from freezing and bursting during cold weather:

- Allow water to trickle and place lights as appropriate
- If you are going to be away from home, have water turned off and water lines drained or leave sufficient heat in the house
- Disconnect garden hoses from the outside faucets

### PEST EXTERMINATION

- Keep the Premises free from visible infestations of roaches, ants, hornets, bees, mice, bedbugs and other pests

### LOCKS

- Do not change or remove any existing locks or add any additional locks without Agent's written permission
- Immediately provide Agent keys for any changed or additional locks

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**MOLD AND MILDEW.** To help prevent mold and mildew from accumulating in the Premises:

- Clean and dust the Premises on a regular basis
- Remove moisture on windows, walls, and other surfaces as soon as possible
- Immediately notify Agent of any evidence of a water leak or excessive moisture or standing water
- Immediately notify Agent of the presence of mold, mildew, or similar growth in the Premises after you have attempted to remove it using common household cleaning solutions or anti-microbial products
- Immediately notify Agent of any malfunction of any part of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, or laundry systems
- Immediately notify Agent of any inoperable doors or windows
- \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**

- Mow the grass in a timely manner
- Clean any gutters and trim any shrubs at least semi-annually
- Keep the porches, patios, balconies, and front and back yards free of clutter, unsightly items, and other personal articles
- \_\_\_\_\_

**REPAIRS**

- If you do not keep an appointment to be home for maintenance or repair work, the worker's time will be charged to you
- If you request repairs and the worker is unable to enter due to extra locks or chains on the door not being removed, the worker's time will be charged to you
- You will be charged for any service calls to repair items that you are responsible for maintaining
- You may not authorize any maintenance or repairs at Landlord's or Agent's expense
- You will not be reimbursed for any unauthorized repairs that Landlord is responsible for
- \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_, AGENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESIDENTIAL RENTAL CONTRACT

NOTE: THIS AGREEMENT WILL BECOME LEGALLY BINDING ONLY WHEN IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY TENANT AND BY OR ON BEHALF OF LANDLORD

RESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Tenant")

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Landlord")

REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Agent")

PREMISES: City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State of North Carolina

☐ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Apartment Complex: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other Description (Room, portion of above address, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

"Premises" shall include both the inside and outside of any dwelling unit, and any exterior areas such as any front/back yard, in Tenant's exclusive control.

INITIAL TERM: Beginning Date of Lease: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date of Lease: \_\_\_\_\_

RENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PAYMENT PERIOD: ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ yearly ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

LATE PAYMENT FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ % of rental payment, whichever is greater  
(State law provides that the late fee may not exceed \$15.00 or five percent (5%) of the rental payment, whichever is greater.)

RETURNED CHECK FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (The maximum processing fee allowed under State law is \$35.00.)

SECURITY DEPOSIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be deposited with: (check one) ☐ Landlord ☐ Agent

LOCATION OF DEPOSIT: (insert name of bank): \_\_\_\_\_

BANK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FEES FOR COMPLAINT FOR SUMMARY EJECTMENT AND/OR MONEY OWED (See paragraph 17) (NOTE: Landlord may charge and retain only one of the following fees in addition to any court costs):

- COMPLAINT-FILING FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ % of rental payment, whichever is greater (Fee may not exceed \$15.00 or five percent (5%) of the rental payment, whichever is greater.)
- COURT APPEARANCE FEE: \_\_\_\_\_ % of rental payment (Fee may not exceed ten percent (10%) of the rental payment.)
- SECOND TRIAL FEE: \_\_\_\_\_ % of rental payment (Fee may not exceed twelve percent (12%) of the rental payment.)

PERMITTED OCCUPANTS (in addition to Tenant): \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR TENANT (name and contact information): \_\_\_\_\_

IN CONSIDERATION of the promises contained in this Agreement, Landlord, by and through Agent, hereby agrees to lease the Premises to Tenant on the following terms and conditions:

### 1. Termination and Renewal:

(a) **Termination at End of Initial Term.** EITHER LANDLORD OR TENANT MAY TERMINATE THE TENANCY AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERM BY GIVING WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OTHER AT LEAST \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE INITIAL TERM.

(b) **Renewal.** IN THE EVENT SUCH WRITTEN NOTICE IS NOT GIVEN, THE TENANCY SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A \_\_\_\_\_ (PERIOD) TO \_\_\_\_\_ (PERIOD) ("RENEWAL PERIOD") TENANCY UPON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT LANDLORD MAY SEND WRITTEN NOTICE OR NOTICES TO TENANT INFORMING TENANT OF ANY INCREASE OR DECREASE IN RENT DUE. SUCH WRITTEN NOTICE MAY BE SENT AT ANY TIME DURING A RENEWAL PERIOD, WITH THE NEW RENT RATE APPLICABLE TO THE NEXT RENEWAL PERIOD.

### (c) Termination at End of Renewal Term.

(i) IF THE TENANCY IS RENEWED ON A CALENDAR MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS, IT MAY THEREAFTER BE TERMINATED BY EITHER LANDLORD OR TENANT GIVING THE OTHER WRITTEN NOTICE, WITH THE TERMINATION TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CALENDAR MONTH FOLLOWING THE CALENDAR MONTH DURING WHICH THE NOTICE IS GIVEN.





(ii) IF THE TENANCY IS RENEWED ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN A CALENDAR MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS, THE TENANCY MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER LANDLORD OR TENANT GIVING THE OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE PRIOR TO THE LAST DAY OF THE FINAL PERIOD OF THE TENANCY, WITH THE TERMINATION TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FINAL PERIOD OF THE TENANCY.

(NOTE: State and Federal law permit early termination of leases under certain circumstances by members of the United States Armed Forces. For information, see *Questions and Answers on: North Carolina Military Personnel Residential Lease Termination*, available on the website of the NC Real Estate Commission at [www.ncrec.gov](http://www.ncrec.gov).)

2. **Rent:** Tenant shall pay the Rent, without notice, demand or deduction, to Landlord or as Landlord directs. The first Rent payment, which shall be prorated if the Initial Term commences on a day other than the first day of the Payment Period, shall be due on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Thereafter, all rentals shall be paid in advance on or before the **FIRST** day of each subsequent Payment Period for the duration of the tenancy. Rentals not paid on or before the first day of the Payment Period will be considered late, and any such non-payment will constitute a breach of this Agreement.

3. **Late Payment Fees and Returned Check Fees:** Tenant shall pay the Late Payment Fee if any rental payment is five (5) days or more late. *This late payment fee shall be due immediately without demand therefor and shall be added to and paid with the late rental payment. Tenant also agrees, in addition to any other remedies for dishonored funds, to pay the Returned Check Fee for each check of Tenant that is returned by the financial institution because of insufficient funds or because the Tenant did not have an account at the financial institution.*

4. **Tenant Security Deposit:** The Security Deposit shall be paid prior to Tenant's occupancy of the Premises, and shall be administered in accordance with the North Carolina Tenant Security Deposit Act (N.C.G.S. § 42-50 et. seq.). IT MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF EITHER THE LANDLORD OR THE AGENT, BE DEPOSITED IN AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT WITH THE BANK OR SAVINGS INSTITUTION NAMED ABOVE. ANY INTEREST EARNED UPON THE TENANT SECURITY DEPOSIT SHALL ACCRUE FOR THE BENEFIT OF, AND SHALL BE PAID TO, THE LANDLORD, OR AS THE LANDLORD DIRECTS. SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY LANDLORD OR AGENT FROM SUCH ACCOUNT AS IT ACCRUES AS OFTEN AS IS PERMITTED BY THE TERMS OF THE ACCOUNT.

Upon any termination of the tenancy herein created, the Landlord may deduct from the Tenant Security Deposit amounts permitted under the Tenant Security Deposit Act. If there is more than one person listed above as Tenant, Agent may, in Agent's discretion, pay any balance of the Tenant Security Deposit to any such person, and the other person(s) agree to hold Agent harmless for such action. If the Tenant's address is unknown to the Landlord, the Landlord may deduct any permitted amounts and shall then hold the balance of the Tenant Security Deposit for the Tenant's collection.

☐ **(Optional)** If a portion of the Tenant Security Deposit, up to and including \$100, is payable to the Tenant and remains unclaimed for one year following the termination of the tenancy herein, the Tenant directs that such unclaimed funds be paid to the following charitable organization: \_\_\_\_\_ on the Tenant's behalf. If the unclaimed funds payable to the Tenant exceed \$100, then the Landlord shall hold the funds and escheat them to the State as required by law. During the one year waiting period herein, Landlord and/or Agent agree to use reasonable efforts to locate and inform Tenant of the unclaimed deposit. Landlord and/or Agent should keep written documentation of such efforts.

If the Landlord removes Agent or Agent resigns, the Tenant agrees that Agent may transfer any Tenant Security Deposit held by Agent hereunder to the Landlord or the Landlord's designee and thereafter notify the Tenant by mail of such transfer and of the transferee's name and address. The Tenant agrees that such action by Agent shall relieve Agent of further liability with respect to the Tenant Security Deposit. If Landlord's interest in the Premises terminates (whether by sale, assignment, death, appointment of receiver or otherwise), Agent shall transfer the Tenant Security Deposit in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes § 42-54.

5. **Tenant's Obligations:** Unless otherwise agreed upon, the Tenant shall:
- (a) use the Premises for residential purposes only and in a manner so as not to disturb the other tenants;
  - (b) not use the Premises for any unlawful or immoral purposes or occupy them in such a way as to constitute a nuisance;
  - (c) not engage in, or permit any member of Tenant's household or any guest to engage in, criminal activity on or in the immediate vicinity of any portion of the Premises;
  - (d) keep the Premises, including but not limited to all plumbing fixtures, facilities and appliances, in a clean and safe condition;
  - (e) cause no unsafe or unsanitary condition in the common areas and remainder of the Premises used by him;
  - (f) comply with any and all obligations imposed upon tenants by applicable building and housing codes;
  - (g) dispose of all ashes, rubbish, garbage, and other waste in a clean and safe manner and comply with all applicable ordinances concerning garbage collection, waste and other refuse;
  - (h) use in a proper and reasonable manner all electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and other facilities and appliances, if any, furnished as a part of the Premises;

- (i) not deliberately or negligently destroy, deface, damage or remove any part of the Premises, whether inside or outside any dwelling unit, or permit any person, known or unknown to the Tenant, to do so;
- (j) be responsible for all damage, defacement, or removal of any property inside a dwelling unit in the Tenant's exclusive control (including but not limited to all appliances and fixtures) unless the damage, defacement or removal was due to ordinary wear and tear, acts of the Landlord or the Landlord's agent, defective products supplied or repairs authorized by the Landlord, acts of third parties not invitees of the Tenant, or natural forces;
- (k) pay the costs of all utility services to the Premises, including, but not limited to, water, electric, sewer, and gas services, and those for which Tenant is responsible in paragraph 7 below, and keep any such utility services continuously connected and in use;
- (l) conduct himself and require all other persons on the Premises with his consent to conduct themselves in a reasonable manner and so as not to disturb other tenants' peaceful enjoyment of the Premises;
- (m) not abandon or vacate the Premises during the Initial Term or any renewals or extensions thereof. Tenant shall be deemed to have abandoned or vacated the Premises if Tenant removes substantially all of his possessions from the Premises;
- (n) not smoke cigarettes, cigars, pipes or any other tobacco or lighted product of any kind in any interior portion of the Premises, including any detached structures, and to pay the cost of any abatement, cleaning, ductwork replacement that may be necessary as a result of Tenant's failure to comply with this obligation; and
- (o) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Landlord's Obligations:** Unless otherwise agreed upon, the Landlord shall:

- (a) comply with the applicable building and housing codes to the extent required by such building and housing codes;
- (b) make all repairs to the Premises as may be necessary to keep the Premises in a fit and habitable condition; provided, however, in accordance with paragraph 11, the Tenant shall be liable to the Landlord for any repairs necessitated by the Tenant's intentional or negligent misuse of the Premises;
- (c) keep all common areas, if any, used in conjunction with the Premises in a clean and safe condition;
- (d) promptly repair all facilities and appliances, if any, as may be furnished by the Landlord as part of the Premises, including electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, provided that the Landlord, except in emergency situations, actually receives notification from the Tenant in writing of the needed repairs; and
- (e) within a reasonable period of time based upon the severity of the condition, repair or remedy any imminently dangerous condition on the Premises after acquiring actual knowledge or receiving notice of the condition. Notwithstanding Landlord's repair or remedy of any imminently dangerous condition, Landlord may recover from Tenant the actual and reasonable costs of repairs that are the fault of Tenant.

**7. Utility Bills/Service Contracts:** Landlord and Tenant agree that utility bills and service contracts ("Service Obligations") for the Premises shall be paid by the party indicated below as to each Service Obligation. The party agreeing to be responsible for payment of a Service Obligation agrees to timely pay the applicable Service Obligation, including any metering, hook-up fees or other miscellaneous charges associated with establishing, installing and maintaining such utility or contract in that party's name. Within thirty (30) days of the Beginning Date of this Lease, Tenant shall provide Landlord with a copy of any requested information about any Service Obligation for which Tenant has agreed to be responsible. Any Service Obligation not designated below shall be the responsibility of Tenant unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

Service obligation	Landlord	Tenant	N/A
Sewer/Septic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash disposal/dumpster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawn Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms:** Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 42-42, the Landlord shall provide operable smoke alarms, either battery-operated or electrical. If the Premises has a fossil-fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace, or an attached garage, the Landlord shall provide and install a minimum of one operable carbon monoxide alarm per level in the Premises, either battery operated or electrical. The Tenant shall notify the Landlord, in writing, of the need for replacement of or repairs to a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. The Landlord shall replace or repair the smoke or carbon monoxide alarm within 15 days of receipt of notification if the Landlord is notified of needed replacement or repairs in writing by the Tenant. The Landlord shall ensure that a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm is operable and in good repair at the beginning of the Initial Term of the Tenancy. The Landlord shall place new batteries in any battery-operated smoke or carbon monoxide alarms at the beginning of the Initial Term of the tenancy **and the Tenant shall replace the batteries as needed during the tenancy**, except where the smoke alarm is a tamper-resistant, 10-year lithium battery smoke alarm.

9. **Rules and Regulations:**

(a) **Landlord Rules and Regulations:** The Tenant, his family, servants, guests and agents shall comply with and abide by all the Landlord's existing rules and regulations and such future reasonable rules and regulations as the Landlord may, at Landlord's discretion, from time to time, adopt governing the use and occupancy of the Premises and any common areas used in connection with them (the "Rules and Regulations"). Landlord reserves the right to make changes to the existing Rules and Regulations and to adopt additional reasonable rules and regulations from time to time; provided however, such changes and additions shall not alter the essential terms of this lease or any substantive rights granted hereunder and shall not become effective until thirty (30) days' written notice thereof shall have been furnished to Tenant. A copy of the existing Rules and Regulations are attached hereto and the Tenant acknowledges that he has read them. The Rules and Regulations shall be deemed to be a part of this lease giving to the Landlord all the rights and remedies herein provided.

(b) ☐ (check if applicable) **Owner Association Rules and Regulations:** The Premises are subject to regulation by the following owners/condo association:

- Name of association: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of association property manager/president: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact address and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Association website address, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant agrees to abide by any applicable owners' association regulations as they now exist or may be amended.

10. **Right of Entry:** Landlord hereby reserves the right to Landlord, Agent and their respective agents and representatives to enter the Premises during reasonable hours for the purpose of (1) inspecting the Premises and the Tenant's compliance with the terms of this lease; (2) making such repairs, alterations, improvements or additions thereto as they may deem appropriate; (3) showing the Premises to prospective purchasers or tenants; and (4) displaying "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs in a reasonable manner upon the Premises. Tenant acknowledges and understands that in the case of an emergency, the Landlord, Agent and their agents and representatives may need to enter the Premises at any hour to cause repairs to be made to preserve or prevent further damage from occurring to the Premises, and the Tenant agrees to cooperate reasonably with them in the event of any such emergency.

11. **Payment for repair of Damages:** Tenant agrees to pay Landlord for the cost of repairing any damage for which Tenant is responsible upon receipt of Landlord's demand therefor, and to pay the Rent during the period the Premises may not be habitable as a result of any such damage. Such damage may include but is not limited to window panes, shutters, or screens damaged by Tenant, filthy ovens, refrigerators, kitchen floors, cabinets or bathrooms, drink stains on carpet, unauthorized paint colors, and lawn, shrubbery or tree damage caused by Tenant or Tenant's animals.

12. **Pets:** Tenant agrees not to keep or allow anywhere on or about the Premises any animals or pets of any kind, whether on a temporary basis or otherwise and whether belonging to the Tenant or anybody else, including but not limited to, dogs, cats, birds, rodents, reptiles or marine animals, unless permitted under the terms of a Pet Addendum attached to this Agreement. Tenant shall be subject to a fine of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each animal or pet kept or allowed on the Premises in violation of this paragraph or of the terms of any Pet Addendum that may be a part of this Agreement, and Tenant agrees to pay any such fine(s) upon receipt of Landlord's demand therefore. Payment of any such fine(s) shall not permit Tenant to keep any animal or pet for which the fine was imposed, and Landlord retains the right to terminate this Agreement if the violation continues following notice given in accordance with paragraph 17.

13. **Alterations:** The Tenant shall not paint, mark, drive nails or screws into, or otherwise deface or alter walls, ceilings, floors, windows, cabinets, woodwork, stone, ironwork or any other part of the Premises, decorate the Premises, change or remove any existing locks or add any additional locks, or make any alterations, additions, or improvements in, to, on or about the Premises without the Landlord's prior written consent and then only in a workmanlike manner using materials and contractors approved by the Landlord. All such work shall be done at the Tenant's expense and at such times and in such manner as the Landlord may approve, and keys for any changed or additional locks shall immediately be provided to the Landlord. All alterations, additions, and improvements upon the Premises, made by either the Landlord or Tenant, shall become the property of the Landlord and shall remain upon and become a part of the Premises at the end of the tenancy hereby created.

14. **Occupants:** The Tenant shall not allow or permit the Premises to be occupied or used as a residence by any person other than Tenant and the Permitted Occupants. Tenant shall be subject to a fine of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each person occupying or using the Premises in violation of this paragraph, and Tenant agrees to pay any such fine(s) upon receipt of Landlord's demand therefor. Payment of any such fine(s) shall not permit any person for whom the fine was imposed to occupy or use the Premises as a residence, and Landlord retains the right to terminate this Agreement if the violation continues following notice given in accordance with paragraph 17.

15. **Rental Application:** In the event the Tenant has submitted a Rental Application in connection with this lease, Tenant acknowledges that the Landlord has relied upon the Application as an inducement for entering into this Lease and Tenant warrants to Landlord that the facts stated in the Application are true to the best of Tenant's knowledge. If any facts stated in the Rental Application prove to be untrue, the Landlord shall have the right to terminate the tenancy and to collect from Tenant any damages resulting therefrom.

16. **Tenant's Duties Upon Termination:** Upon any termination of the Tenancy created hereby, whether by the Landlord or the Tenant and whether for breach or otherwise, the Tenant shall: (1) pay all utility bills due for services to the Premises for which he is responsible and have all such utility services discontinued; (2) vacate the Premises removing there from all Tenant's personal property of whatever nature; (3) properly sweep and clean the Premises, including plumbing fixtures, refrigerators, stoves and sinks, removing there from all rubbish, trash, garbage and refuse; (4) make such repairs and perform such other acts as are necessary to return the Premises, and any appliances or fixtures furnished in connection therewith, in the same condition as when Tenant took possession of the Premises; provided, however, Tenant shall not be responsible for ordinary wear and tear or for repairs required by law or by paragraph 6 above to be performed by Landlord; (5) fasten and lock all doors and windows; (6) return to the Landlord any and all keys, other access devices, parking and pool passes, garage door openers and other similar items to the Premises and any amenities; (7) restore the level of fuel in any fuel tank used by the Tenant to its level as of the Beginning Date of the Tenancy; and (8) notify the Landlord of the address to which the balance of the Security Deposit may be returned. If the Tenant fails to sweep out and clean the Premises, appliances and fixtures as herein provided, Tenant shall become liable, without notice or demand, to the Landlord for the actual costs of cleaning (over and above ordinary wear and tear), which may be deducted from the Security Deposit as provided in paragraph 4 above.

In the event Tenant desires to terminate the Tenancy prior to the end of its term then in effect, Tenant acknowledges and understands that the Landlord will use reasonable efforts to re-rent the Premises, but that the Tenant shall remain responsible for the performance of all the Tenant's obligations under this Agreement until such time as the Landlord may be able to re-rent the Premises, unless the Landlord and the Tenant agree otherwise in writing.

**17. Tenant's Breach/Termination:**

(a) **Events Constituting Breach:** It shall constitute a breach of this Agreement if Tenant fails to:

- (i) pay the full amount of rent herein reserved as and when it shall become due hereunder; or
- (ii) except for criminal activity, perform any other promise, duty or obligation herein agreed to by him or imposed upon him by law and such failure shall continue for a period of five (5) days from the date the Landlord provides Tenant with written notice of such failure or shall occur again any time thereafter without any requirement of further notice from the Landlord.

In either of such events and as often as either of them may occur, the Landlord, in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law, may, immediately either terminate this lease (see subparagraph (e) below) or terminate the Tenant's right to possession of the Premises (see subparagraph (f) below) by written notice given to Tenant in accordance with paragraph 33.

(b) **Demand for Possession:** Upon Landlord's written demand given to Tenant in accordance with paragraph 33, Landlord shall be immediately entitled to possession of the Premises if Landlord terminates this lease or terminates the Tenant's right of possession or if Tenant is holding over after the term of the Lease has expired. Any demand for possession may be provided contemporaneously with any notice of termination provided under subparagraph (a) above. In the event Tenant fails or refuses to surrender possession of the Premises, Landlord may, in compliance with Article 2A of Chapter 42 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, reenter and retake possession of the Premises through a summary ejectment proceeding.

**NOTE:** NC REALTOR Form 427-T, "Demand for Possession" may be used to comply with subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.

(c) **Fees/Costs of Summary Ejectment Proceeding:** If a summary ejectment proceeding is instituted against Tenant, Landlord shall be entitled to recover from Tenant the following fees/costs in accordance with NC General Statutes §42-46: (i) filing fees charged by the court, (ii) costs for service of process, (iii) the relevant Complaint-Filing Fee, Court Appearance Fee or Second Trial Fee, and, (iv) reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the amount owed by Tenant, or fifteen percent (15%) of the monthly rent stated in this Agreement if the summary ejectment proceeding is based on a default other than the nonpayment of rent.

(d) **Acceptance of Partial Rent:** Tenant acknowledges and understands that Landlord's acceptance of partial rent or partial housing subsidy will not waive Tenant's breach of this Agreement or limit Landlord's rights to evict Tenant through a summary ejectment proceeding, whether filed before or after Landlord's acceptance of any such partial rent or partial housing subsidy.

(e) **Termination of Lease:** In the event Landlord terminates this lease, all further rights and duties hereunder shall terminate and Landlord shall be entitled to collect from Tenant all accrued but unpaid rents and any damages resulting from the Tenant's breach, including but not limited to damages for Tenant's continued occupancy of the Premises following the Landlord's termination.

(f) **Termination of Tenant's Right of Possession:** In the event Landlord terminates the Tenant's right of possession without terminating this lease, Tenant shall remain liable for the full performance of all the covenants hereof, and Landlord shall use reasonable efforts to re-let the Premises on Tenant's behalf. Any such rentals reserved from such re-letting shall be applied first to the costs of re-letting the Premises and then to the rentals due hereunder. In the event the rentals from such re-letting are insufficient to pay the rentals due hereunder in full, Tenant shall be liable to the Landlord for any deficiency. In the event Landlord institutes a legal action against the Tenant to enforce the lease or to recover any sums due hereunder, Tenant agrees to pay Landlord reasonable attorney's fees in addition to all other damages.

18. **Landlord's Default; Limitation of Remedies and Damages:** Until the Tenant notifies the Landlord in writing of an alleged default and affords the Landlord a reasonable time within which to cure, no default by the Landlord in the performance of any of the promises or obligations herein agreed to by him or imposed upon him by law shall constitute a material breach of this lease and the Tenant shall have no right to terminate this lease for any such default or suspend his performance hereunder. In no event and regardless of their duration shall any defective condition of or failure to repair, maintain, or provide any area, fixture or facility used in connection with recreation or recreational activities, including but not limited to swimming pools, club houses, and tennis courts, constitute a material breach of this lease and the Tenant shall have no right to terminate this lease or to suspend his performance hereunder. In any legal action instituted by the Tenant against the Landlord, the Tenant's damages shall be limited to the difference, if any, between the rent reserved in this lease and the reasonable rental value of the Premises, taking into account the Landlord's breach or breaches, and in no event, except in the case of the Landlord's willful or wanton negligence, shall the Tenant collect any consequential or secondary damages resulting from the breach or breaches, including but not limited to the following items: damage or destruction of furniture or other personal property of any kind located in or about the Premises, moving expenses, storage expenses, alternative interim housing expenses, and expenses of locating and procuring alternative housing.

19. **Bankruptcy:** If any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings are filed by or against the Tenant or if the Tenant makes any assignment for the benefit of creditors, the Landlord may, at his option, immediately terminate this Tenancy, and reenter and repossess the Premises, subject to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (11 USC Section 101, et. seq.) and the order of any court having jurisdiction thereunder.

20. **Tenant's Insurance; Release and Indemnity Provisions:**

(a) **Personal Property Insurance (*Tenant initial if applicable*):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tenant shall be required to obtain and maintain throughout the term of the tenancy a renter's insurance policy, which policy shall, without cost to Landlord or Agent, name Landlord and Agent as an additional insured, and to promptly provide Landlord evidence of such insurance upon Landlord's request. In addition to coverage for damage or loss to Tenant's personal property in such amount as Tenant may determine, the policy shall include coverage for bodily injury and property damage for which Tenant may be liable in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

***\*If not initialed, Tenant shall not be required to obtain a renter's insurance policy***

(b) Whether or not Tenant is required to obtain a renter's insurance policy, Tenant shall be solely responsible for insuring any of his personal property located or stored upon the Premises upon the risks of damage, destruction, or loss resulting from theft, fire, storm and all other hazards and casualties. Regardless of whether the Tenant secures such insurance, the Landlord and his agents shall not be liable for any damage to, or destruction or loss of, any of the Tenant's personal property located or stored upon the Premises regardless of the cause or causes of such damage, destruction, or loss, unless such loss or destruction is attributable to the intentional acts or willful or wanton negligence of the Landlord.

(c) The Tenant agrees to release and indemnify the Landlord and his agents from and against liability for injury to the person of the Tenant or to any members of his household resulting from any cause whatsoever except only such personal injury caused by the negligent, or intentional acts of the Landlord or his agents.

21. **Agent:** The Landlord and the Tenant acknowledge that the Landlord may, from time to time in his discretion, engage a third party ("the Agent") to manage, supervise and operate the Premises or the complex, if any, of which they are a part. If such an Agent is managing, supervising and operating the Premises at the time this lease is executed, his name will be shown as "Agent" on the first

page hereof. With respect to any Agent engaged pursuant to this paragraph, the Landlord and the Tenant hereby agree that: (1) Agent acts for and represents Landlord in this transaction; (2) Agent shall have only such authority as provided in the management contract existing between the Landlord and Agent; (3) Agent may perform without objection from the Tenant, any obligation or exercise any right of the Landlord imposed or given herein or by law and such performance shall be valid and binding, if authorized by the Landlord, as if performed by the Landlord; (4) the Tenant shall pay all rents to the Agent if directed to do so by the Landlord; (5) except as otherwise provided by law, the Agent shall not be liable to the Tenant for the nonperformance of the obligations or promises of the Landlord contained herein; (6) nothing contained herein shall modify the management contract existing between the Landlord and the Agent; however, the Landlord and the Agent may from time to time modify the management agreement in any manner which they deem appropriate; (7) the Landlord, may, in his discretion and in accordance with any management agreement, remove without replacing or remove and replace any agent engaged to manage, supervise and operate the Premises.

22. **Form:** The Landlord and Tenant hereby acknowledge that their agreement is evidenced by this form contract which may contain some minor inaccuracies when applied to the particular factual setting of the parties. The Landlord and Tenant agree that the courts shall liberally and broadly interpret this lease, ignoring minor inconsistencies and inaccuracies, and that the courts shall apply the lease to determine all disputes between the parties in the manner which most effectuates their intent as expressed herein. The following rules of construction shall apply: (1) handwritten and typed additions or alterations shall control over the preprinted language when there is an inconsistency between them; (2) the lease shall not be strictly construed against either the Landlord or the Tenant; (3) paragraph headings are used only for convenience of reference and shall not be considered as a substantive part of this lease; (4) words in the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate; and (5) the invalidity of one or more provisions of this lease shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof and this lease shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision(s) were not included.

23. **Amendment of Laws:** In the event that subsequent to the execution of this lease any state statute regulating or affecting any duty or obligation imposed upon the Landlord pursuant to this lease is enacted, amended, or repealed, the Landlord may, at his option, elect to perform in accordance with such statute, amendment, or act of repeal in lieu of complying with the analogous provision of this lease.

24. **Eminent Domain and Casualties:** The Landlord shall have the option to terminate this lease if the Premises, or any substantial part thereof, are condemned or sold in lieu of condemnation or damaged by flood, storm, fire or other casualty. The Landlord shall give Tenant at least thirty (30) days written notice of any such termination. This lease shall terminate as of the date specified in the notice and the rent will be accounted for between Landlord and Tenant as of that date.

25. **Assignment:** The Tenant shall not assign this lease or sublet the Premises in whole or part.

26. **Waiver:** No waiver of any breach of any obligation or promise contained herein shall be regarded as a waiver of any future breach of the same or any other obligation or promise.

27. **Joint and Several Liability:** If there are multiple persons listed as Tenant, their obligations under this Agreement shall be joint and several.

28. **Other Terms and Conditions:**

- (a) If an Agent involved in this transaction, Agent discloses to Tenant that Agent is acting for and represents Landlord.
- (b) Itemize all addenda to this Contract and attach hereto:

- ☐ Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards (form 430-T) (if Premises built prior to 1978)
- ☐ Military Status Addendum (form 436-T)
- ☐ Maintenance Addendum (form 440-T)
- ☐ Pet Addendum (form 442-T)
- ☐ Assistance Animal Addendum (form 443-T)
- ☐ Guaranty Addendum (form 445-T)
- ☐ Other Addenda: \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) Additional Terms:

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29. **Inspection of Premises:** Within \_\_\_\_\_ days of occupying the Premises, Tenant has the right to inspect the Premises and complete a Property Assessment Form.

30. **Tenant Information:** Tenant acknowledges and understands that during or after the term of this Agreement, the Landlord may provide information about Tenant or relating to the Tenancy in accordance with applicable laws, including but not limited to providing such information to a credit reporting agency.

31. **Execution; Counterparts:** When Tenant signs this lease, he acknowledges he has read and agrees to the provisions of this lease. This lease is executed in \_\_\_\_\_ (number) counterparts with an executed counterpart being retained by each party.

32. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed in writing. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties.

33. **Use of Electronic Means; Notice.** The parties agree that electronic means may be used to sign this Agreement or to make any modifications the parties may agree to, and that any written notice, communication or documents may be transmitted electronically to any e-mail address, cell phone number or fax number used by the parties to communicate during the course of this Agreement. Any notices required or authorized to be given hereunder or pursuant to applicable law may also be mailed or hand delivered to the Tenant at the address of the Premises and to the Landlord at the address of the Agent.

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[Signature Page Follows]



LANDLORD: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDLORD: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: AGENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of real estate firm]

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual license # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of authorized representative]

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TENANT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Tenant signature]

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell Email

TENANT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Tenant signature]

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell Email

TENANT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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[Tenant signature]

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## MILITARY STATUS ADDENDUM

*NOTE: This form may be used to confirm that a prospective tenant is NOT currently in military service. If a prospective tenant is in military service, consideration may be given to having him or her sign a "Waiver of Rights" form (standard form 435-T).*

Tenant: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_

Leased Premises: \_\_\_\_\_

This Addendum is attached to and made a part of the Residential Rental Contract ("Contract") between Landlord and Tenant for the Premises.

### RECITALS

1. The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. Section 3911 et seq) ("SCRA") provides for the temporary suspension of any civil action or proceeding against a servicemember during his or her military service under certain circumstances.
2. In the event Landlord is required to file an eviction proceeding against Tenant for breach of the Rental Contract (called "summary ejectment"), Landlord will be required to file a Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Affidavit stating whether or not the defendant is in military service and showing necessary facts to support the affidavit.
3. Tenant desires to confirm that Tenant is not currently in military service and to agree to notify Landlord in the event Tenant enters into military service after this Addendum is signed.

### AGREEMENT

1. **Tenant Representation.** Tenant represents that Tenant is not currently in military service with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard as defined in the SCRA and is not a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

2. **Tenant Agreement.** Tenant agrees to promptly notify Landlord in writing if Tenant enters into military service as defined in paragraph 1 above after the date this Addendum is signed.

3. **Tenant Understanding.** Tenant acknowledges and understands that in the event Landlord files an eviction action against Tenant for breach of the Rental Contract and Tenant has not notified Landlord that Tenant has entered into military service, Landlord may use Tenant's representation that he or she is not in military service as of the date of this Addendum and has not subsequently notified Landlord after the date of this Addendum that he or she has entered into military service as evidence that Tenant is not in military service for purposes of completing a Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Affidavit.

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TENANT:  
\_\_\_\_\_

LANDLORD:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**MULTI-PARCEL ADDENDUM TO EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**  
**Long-term Rental Property**

The additional parcel(s) of real property described below shall also be subject to the terms of the Exclusive Property Management Agreement (the "Management Agreement") between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Agent") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Owner").

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**In the event of a conflict between this Addendum and the Exclusive Property Management Agreement, this Addendum shall control.**

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