

The EPHA's

mission is to provide

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safe

and sanitary

housing conditions for our families.

Lead Paint

The East Providence Housing Authority has adopted a new policy that will require a **Certificate of Conformance**, per the RI Lead hazard Mitigation Law. This Law is designed to prevent lead poisoning in children and pregnant women. Many houses built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. The certificate will serve as proof that any existing lead hazards in the unit have been fixed.

Please be aware that we will not process any moves, or schedule an inspection of your property, until this document is received in our Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) office.

You can obtain a certificate by contacting a Licensed Lead Inspector. He will perform the inspection on the unit you want to lease. The RI Housing Resource Commission website is www.hrc.ri.gov provides a list of licensed contractors. You may also call them at 401-222-Lead.

Some units are exempt from the law. If you are not familiar with all the requirements, you will be able to obtain all the information at the above website.



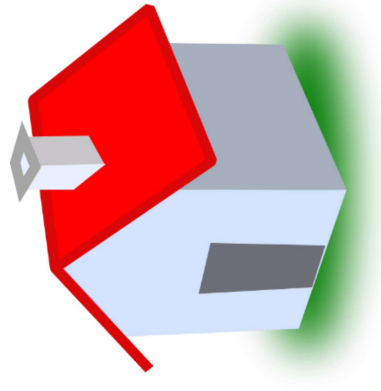
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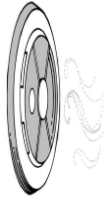
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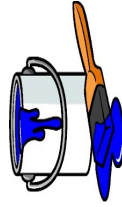
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Effective December 1, 2009, the East Providence Housing Authority is making changes to the requirements for housing quality standards, commonly referred to as HQS. These changes will affect any newly leased units and inspections for 12/1/2009 and moving forward.

1. We have updated our carbon Monoxide requirements in Accordance with the City of East Providence fire codes. If the CO is not present at Annual Inspection, you will be sent a notice of non-compliance from our office and given a period in which to comply. All initial inspections done for newly leased units must comply.



2. We have adopted a new policy with respect to the RI lead hazard Mitigation Law.



PLEASE READ ON.....

Smoke Detectors

- As of February 20, 2004, all new 1-2 & 3 family dwelling units built from this date forward shall require hardwired, interconnected battery back-up smoke detectors inside and outside each bedroom, and on each additional level, including basements.
- These new dwelling units shall also have interconnected hardwire heat detectors installed in any integral or attached garages.
- Wireless detectors shall be allowed if they are monitored by an approved system or panel and provided that such system meets all the audible requirements.
- Existing 1-2 & 3 family dwelling units, where a permit for work was received after **June of 1976**, are required to maintain previously required some detectors. These smoke detectors should be hardwired and interconnected, and they shall be located outside the bedrooms and on each level. If any dwelling unit does not previously require hardwired alarm systems, the unit is permitted to have battery operated alarms. Battery operated smoke detectors **shall not replace** existing hardwired smoke detectors.

All other existing residential units:

- All other existing residential units are required to have smoke detectors located outside each bedroom area, and on each level. Battery operated some detectors are permitted for these residential units.

HAVE YOU CHANGED THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS??

ARE HEATING SYSTEMS UP AND RUNNING PROPERLY???



Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- Any dwelling unit constructed after **January 1, 2002**, shall have hardwired carbon monoxide (CO) detectors with battery back-up.
- All newly constructed dwelling units, including apartments and condominiums, require hardwired, interconnected, battery back-up CO detectors to be located outside of bedrooms/sleeping area.
- All other existing dwelling units shall be allowed to have battery operated CO detectors to be located outside of bedroom/sleeping area. **The City of East Providence does not allow Plug-In CO units.**
- In addition, the local authority having jurisdiction, may require additional smoke or CO coverage in rooms or living areas having pullout sofas or other means of sleeping arrangements if in his/her judgement the room may be used for sleeping quarters on a regular or intermittent basis (i.e. basements)
- **Exceptions: Dwelling units that do not contain any fossil-fuel burning appliances, fireplace, or an attached or integral garage, or exempt from the CO requirements. If any of these items are installed later, all applicable requirements will then apply.**