



“Home Safe Home” San Diego Housing Commission

The San Diego Housing Commission’s “Home Safe Home” Program is funded by two federal grants totaling \$4.1 million that protect low-income children and families in the City of San Diego from lead-based paint and other home health hazards.

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) grants are comprised of:

- \$3.1 million from HUD’s Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program
- \$1.0 million from HUD’s Healthy Homes Production Grant Program.



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San Diego Housing Commission “Home Safe Home” Partners

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
Environmental Health Coalition
City of San Diego Environmental Services
City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency
County of San Diego Health Services
La Maestra Community Health Center
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Urban Corps of San Diego County
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Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC)
Bayside Community Center
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“Home Safe Home” “We’re About People”



Did You Know?

- Exposure to lead-based paint can be harmful to children and adults;
- 75% of the homes built before 1979 contain some lead-based paint;
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 310,000 children have blood-lead levels above safe limits.



The Dangers of Lead

Lead-based paint is a major source of lead poisoning for children and can affect adults. Even low levels of lead in children can result in stunted mental and physical development, learning disorders, and behavior problems. Lead can even cause abnormal fetal development in pregnant women.

You might have lead in and around your home without knowing it because you cannot see, taste or smell lead. Lead is most commonly found on exterior-painted surfaces, interior woodwork, doors, and windows. The greatest threat is breathing or ingesting dust from lead-based paint as it chips or deteriorates over time.



What Should You Do?

- You should test your home and family for lead if you think a potential hazard exists through the “Home Safe Home” Program of the San Diego Housing Commission.
- Submit a pre-application form for lead testing, which can be found on the San Diego Housing Commission’s Web site at: www.sdhc.org.
Contact: (619) 578-7521



“Home Safe Home” Protects Families

The “Home Safe Home” Program of the San Diego Housing Commission is available to families whose homes are frequented by children under 6-years old.

Primary outreach efforts will focus on high-risk target areas that include the communities of:

- City Heights
- Logan Heights
- Linda Vista
- Sherman Heights

“Home Safe Home” will conduct lead remediation in homes that were built before 1979. Maximum grant amounts are:

- \$10,000 for single-family structures.
- \$5,000 per unit for multi-family structures. An additional \$5,000 per project will be made available for multi-family projects to control lead hazards in common areas.
- Once a property qualifies for remediation, property owners are required to competitively bid their projects and to select the lowest responsive bid.

In addition, throughout the year, blood testing for the presence of lead will be conducted at select schools and communities by the Housing Commission’s partner, the Environmental Health Coalition.

A non-invasive portable Lead Care II blood analyzer is used, which involves a small pin prick to your child’s finger.

The test results are immediate—within three minutes. If your child tests positive, families will be referred for further medical evaluation. In addition families are provided with information on how to eliminate lead hazards, offered a free home inspection, and encouraged to sign-up for the “Home Safe Home” Program.

The blood analyzers were purchased by the San Diego Housing Commission through the “Home Safe Home” Program.



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The second component of the “Home Safe Home” Program assists in keeping your home safe from health hazards such as:

- Roaches
- Rodents
- Dust mites
- Mold and moisture
- Poor indoor air quality that can cause Asthma/allergies
- Debris and unsafe conditions that can cause unintentional injuries



Families can apply for grants and other funding to eliminate health and safety problems in the home. They will be screened for eligibility by the “Home Safe Home” Program of the San Diego Housing Commission.



Visit the San Diego Housing Commission Web site for more information at:
www.sdhc.org