

Tips for Talking to Your Landlord



It is important to communicate with your landlord if there are indoor air quality problems in your home. You, and your landlord, want to provide a safe environment for you and your family. The tips listed below will help you better deal with your landlord if and when issues arise.

1. Contact your landlord when you notice a problem as soon as possible.
2. Be clear and record exactly what the problem is. Dates, times, and other details are very important to your landlord or property manager.
3. Put your complaint or maintenance request in writing. Keep a copy for your records.
4. Contact your local health department if the problem isn't resolved in a reasonable amount of time.
5. Federal law requires that individuals receive certain information before renting, buying, or renovating pre-1978 housing. For more information on these requirements please call the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-424-LEAD.
6. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, landlords must disclose information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases begin. Leases must include a disclosure form about lead.

