

Dear NAHMA Members,

Last week, HUD Secretary Ben Carson announced the “Protect Our Kids!” Campaign to kick off [National Healthy Homes Month](#). The campaign is a Department-wide enforcement effort to protect young children from lead poisoning in older housing.

The campaign aims to get landlords and sellers of older homes to fulfill responsibilities to disclose lead-based hazards in their properties, while also working to ensure that all federally-assisted homes are lead-safe. Lead is a highly toxic metal that can cause a range of health problems, especially in young children. HUD estimates that nearly 30 million homes in the US have indoor environmental hazards, such as lead-based paint and mold.

According to a recent HUD [press release](#), the objective of the campaign is to create a combined effort by multiple enforcement and program offices at HUD to review and ensure compliance with regulations that are intended to reduce the potential for lead poisoning in children. Applicable regulations include HUD and EPA’s Lead Disclosure Rule, under which most landlords and sellers of pre-1978 homes are required to inform tenants and purchasers of known lead-based paint hazards in the homes; and HUD’s Lead-Safe Housing Rule, which requires providers of most pre-1978 housing that is federally owned or subsidized to make certain their units are lead safe.

For more information about the “Protect Our Kids” Campaign and National Healthy Homes Month, please click [here](#).

Thanks,

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