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Superior Housing Authority Lead Paint Abatement Information

Early in the 1980's, HUD began a program to have all housing Authorities abate and/or remove lead base paint in all pre-1978 units, with the exception of Elderly units.

The Superior Housing Authority was the second Housing Authority in the State of Wisconsin (Milwaukee was the first) to start the abatement project. The Superior Housing Authority's first project was completed in Park Place in 1986-87, followed by Bayview in 1987, and Catlin Court in 1988-89.

The Scattered Elderly units, built in 1963-64, were not required to be abated. The Superior Housing Authority Turnkey units and the Billings Park Villa were built in 1981 and 1991 respectively; long after lead paint was omitted.

The Superior Housing Authority's abatement began by taking samples of paint from each room of each apartment in the Park Place, Catlin Court and Bayview developments. Approximately 40% of these samples showed signs of lead paint and the Housing Authority decided to abate all units in these complexes. All painted wood was replaced, including baseboard, doors, shelving, etc. The walls and ceilings were covered with a fiberglass-encapsulation system and painted. During this work, residents were temporarily relocated to empty units and were moved back into their original units when the work was completed. The abatement took 20-22 days per unit to complete.

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