

IS YOUR CHILD SAFE FROM LEAD POISONING?

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Children are most often poisoned by lead dust and lead paint in older homes. Lead paint was used in many homes built before 1978. The older the home, the more likely that windows, cupboards, doors, porches, and outdoor surfaces contain lead paint.

We know how dangerous lead is. Lead poisoning can cause health and behavior problems in young children. The good news is that there are things you can do to keep your child safe.

What can you do to protect your child?

- Wash your child's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often.
- Take off shoes when going into the house.
- Keep dust and dirt off of floors, window sills and other surfaces.
- Use very cold tap water for drinking and cooking.
- Check your home for lead hazards.
- Talk to your landlord about fixing peeling and chipping paint.
- Learn how to safely remove lead paint.
- Avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling by wetting work areas.
- Do not use a power sander, open-flame torch, heat gun above 1,100°F, dry scraper or dry sandpaper on painted surfaces that may contain lead.

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