



WHERE IS THE LEAD?

Common Sources of Lead Poisoning



Lead-Based Paint

Lead-based paint was banned for use on housing in 1978. Therefore, homes built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint.

Lead-based paint can chip, peel and/or produce lead dust.

Lead Paint may be found on:



- Doors
- Fences
- Furniture
- Stairs
- Railings
- Window wells
- Woodwork
- Door Frames
- Floors
- Porches
- Toys
- Walls
- Window sills



Soil and Dust

Soil and Dust can become contaminated with lead. This contaminated soil and dust can be carried into your home. Dust is often contaminated in the home by lead-based painted surfaces that are chipping and/or peeling.

How it becomes contaminated:



- Home remodeling (sanding, scraping and burning lead-based paint)
- Weathering and chipping lead-based paint
- Emissions from factories
- Past use of leaded gasoline
- Solid waste from industries



Water

Water may become contaminated by:

- Lead water pipes
- Plumbing fittings made out of brass and bronze
- Lead solder used to connect plumbing (banned in 1986)



Food

Food can become contaminated if it is:

Grown near heavily traveled roads contaminated by leaded gasoline or lead pollution

Grown near buildings painted with lead-based paint

Stored or baked in pottery and dishes with lead glaze or lead crystal

Packaged in imported cans with lead solder seams (banned in U.S. cans)



*Plastic bags used to package bread, baked goods, and other foods are often printed with inks containing lead. If you reuse the bag, be sure the printing stays on the outside and not in contact with the food.

Occupations and Hobbies

Work and Hobbies can expose people to lead. Your children can be exposed when work clothes are worn home and laundered with the family laundry or when scrap and waste materials are brought home.

Occupations that may involve lead exposure to adults include:

Painters

Remodelers

Renovators

Smelting

Refining Lead

Battery Manufacturing/Recycling

Plumbing

Mechanics

Autobody Workers

Construction

Bridge Worker

Aircraft and Ship Manufacturing



Hobbies that may involve exposure:

Artistic Painting

Ceramics/Pottery Making

Jewelry Making

Using Indoor Firing Ranges

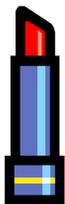
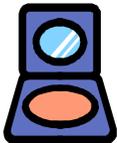
Stained Glass Making

Homemade Products (i.e., fishing sinkers, ammunition)



Other Sources

Some ethnic and folk remedies or medication may contain lead, as well as some imported cosmetic products (i.e., surma and kohl). **Do not** use these.



Some remedies containing lead are:

Alarcon

Alkohol

Azarcon

Bali Goli

Coral

Ghasard

Greta

Liga

Pay-oo-ah

Rueda



Some imported mini-blinds and imported crayons may also contain lead. Read the packages for this information.

Some herbs and spices brought into the U.S. from other countries may contain lead.