

Lead Poisoning

Exposure to lead can damage several parts of the body, including the brain and nervous system. Too much lead in the body can cause developmental, behavioral, and health problems in children. Lead exposure occurs when a child swallows or breathes in lead or lead dust.

Sources of Lead

Lead Paint and Lead Dust

- Most homes built before 1978 contain lead paint.
- When lead paint peels and cracks in older homes, it makes lead paint chips and dust.



Soil

- Children can be exposed to lead while playing in soil.
- Soil can be carried into the home on shoes, clothing, or pets.



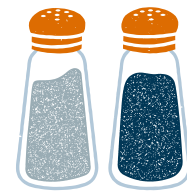
Jobs and Hobbies

- Jobs: Working in foundries, construction and demolition, welding, plumbing, bullet making, firing ranges, and metal recycling.
- Hobbies: Making stained glass, jewelry, auto repair, fishing, and scrap metal.



Imported Foods, Medicines, and Cosmetics

- Medicines: Ayurvedic remedies, Daw Tway, Pay-loo-ah.
- Cosmetics: Kohl, Surma, Sindoor, Kumkuma.



Cookware, Toys, and Jewelry

- Some antique dishware and imported cookware, older painted toys, inexpensive children's jewelry, and keys.



Water

- Some water pipes, faucets, and plumbing fixtures.

