

MAKE YOUR HOME LEAD-SAFE FOR YOUR NEW BABY



One million children today are affected by lead poisoning, but when you know what to look for and what to do, lead poisoning is 100% preventable.

Lead is toxic and it is all around us. There is a good chance that any home, school, or daycare center built before 1978 contains some **LEAD PAINT**.

LEAD DUST can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Dust also forms when painted surfaces bump or rub together.

LEAD IN SOIL can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IF YOU SUSPECT THAT YOUR HOUSE HAS LEAD HAZARDS:

✓	Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust. Repair damaged painted surfaces. Do not scrape, sand, or disturb old paint.
✓	Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
✓	Keep your home clean and free of dust. Wet mop or wet wipe floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly.
✓	Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
✓	Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces.
✓	Remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
✓	Wash children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
✓	Use only cold water to prepare food and drinks. Run the water before using.
✓	Make sure children avoid fatty (or high fat) foods and eat nutritious meals high in iron and calcium.
✓	Get your child tested for lead.
✓	Ask about lead when buying or renting a home. Sellers and landlords must disclose known lead hazards.
✓	Hire a Lead-Safe Certified contractor if you are planning to have work done in a pre-1978 home.