

Why should my child get a

Blood Lead

Test?



Ask your doctor to give your children a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months old.



1 Lead is very dangerous for young children. It can cause:

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
- Slowed growth and development
- Learning and behavior problems
- Hearing and speech problems

2 Virginia has many older homes. This means there is a chance that your children have been exposed to lead through lead paint, soil, water, or other household sources.

3 Most of the time, children exposed to lead will not show any symptoms. The only way to know if they have been exposed is if they get a blood lead test.

4 Young children often put non-food items, such as toys, in their mouths. This increases their risk of getting lead in their body.

To learn more about lead poisoning prevention, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/leadsafe/

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