

Why should my child get a

Blood Lead

Test?



Ask your doctor to give your child(ren) 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 your child(ren) might 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 that they are sick. 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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