



- **Child Care**
- **Lead**
- **Poisoning**
- **Prevention**

How is lead dangerous for young children?

Exposure to lead in young children can cause:

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

What are the most common sources of lead?

- Flaking and peeling paint
- Water from lead pipes
- Imported toys and candies
- Soil
- Certain ceramics and pottery
- Traditional medicines and cosmetics

How can I protect children in my care from lead exposure?

Clean

- Wash all **toys** often
- Clean **countertops, tables, food preparation areas** daily
- Wet wipe and wet mop **floors, windowsills, and baseboards** weekly

Teach

- **Educate parents** about lead
- Encourage parents to get their children **tested** for lead in their blood
- Encourage **good nutrition**
- Show children how to **wash their hands** well

Inspect

- Check often for **chipping and peeling paint**
- **Move** cribs and furniture away from any possible sources of lead
- Have your **water** tested for lead.
- Have the **paint and soil** in and around your facility **tested** for lead by a **certified lead inspector**.

Encourage parents to take their child to get a blood lead test at ages 1 and 2