

# How Can School Nurses Help Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning?

**L** **Learn** about lead and the dangerous health impacts it has on young children



Lead poisoning can damage children's brains. It can also slow their growth and make it harder for them to learn.

**E** **Educate** the parents of your community about lead safe practices at home



Parents and guardians should keep the house clean and check for lead. This will help keep children safer.

**A** **Assess** the children at your school to find out if they should receive a blood lead test



It is the only way to know for sure if a child has been exposed to lead. Keep an eye out for kids who are high risk.

**D** **Discuss** the importance of lead poisoning prevention activities with school staff



Lead poisoning prevention is the most effective when everyone in a community works together.



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