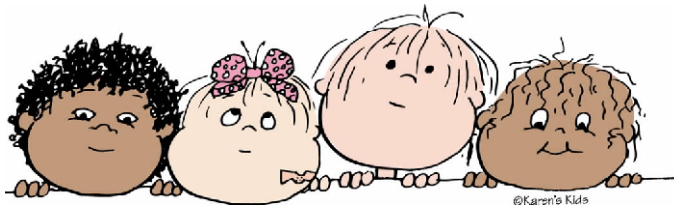


Lead Hurts Kids!



Sustainable Resources Center
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Local Lead Testing Initiatives
612-870-4937

**To Be Their Best,
Kids Need A LEAD Test!**



If you have children, you need to know...

The only way to know if you or your child has been exposed to lead is to receive a blood lead test. The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that children be tested at ages 12 and 24 months. Children ages 6 years and under who have never been tested should also receive a blood lead test. Pregnant women who may have been exposed to lead should also be tested.

Even at low levels, lead poisoning affects a child's ability to learn and function.

Some effects from exposure may include:

Brain Damage
Loss of IQ
Headaches
Learning Difficulties
Hyperactivity
Hearing Problems
Irritability & Vomiting

REMEMBER... Many children never exhibit any signs or symptoms of lead poisoning. The only way to know for sure if your child has lead in his/her blood is through a blood test!

During a blood lead test, a small amount of blood will be obtained from your child's finger. Please be aware that if your child's blood test comes back high, your local health professional may ask you to bring your child in for a follow-up venous test.

Higher numbers indicate a greater concentration of lead in the body.



GET THE LEAD OUT!

Chipping and peeling paint from houses and apartment buildings built before 1978 may contain LEAD.

LEAD is a heavy metal that makes kids sick.

Deteriorated LEAD based paint on windows poses the biggest threat to children.

Lead Safe Work Practices need to be followed to ensure your family's safety. Ask a professional before renovating, remodeling, painting, scraping or doing any other project that may disturb LEAD based paint.

The LEAD LINE: 612-870-4937

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Does Your Child Need A Blood Lead Test?

YES! If the child is at 1 or 2 years of age.

YES! If the child is under the age of six and has never been tested.

YES! If the child has recently moved from another major metropolitan area or another country within the last 12 months.

YES! If the child has regularly visited a home built before 1978 with recent or ongoing repair, remodeling or damage (such as water and/or chipping and peeling paint).

YES! If the child has lived in or regularly visited a home, child care facility or other building built before 1950.

YES! If the child or his/her sibling or playmate had an elevated blood lead level.

YES! If the child receives services from Minnesota Care (MnCare) or Medical Assistance (MA) which includes the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP).

**Looking for a primary care clinic? Wondering about medical insurance?
Need a lead safe contractor? Call the LEAD LINE at 612-870-4937 for
clinic referrals and more information on how to keep kids safe from lead.**

Together We Can Keep Kids LEAD Safe!