

STAY SAFE FROM LEAD



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WHEN IT COMES TO CHEMICALS,
LEAD HAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST
LINKS TO NEUROLOGICAL HARM

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE



Lead is found in water, homes, schools, & communities across the country. Lead harms children's brains and bodies and there is **no** safe level of lead exposure.

BUT

Lead poisoning is 100% preventable!

Keeping children away from sources of lead is the best way to protect them. We have some information below about the four main sources for lead exposure.



WATER

You cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water. Certain pipes that carry drinking water from the water source to the home may contain lead. Household plumbing fixtures, welding solder, and pipe fittings made prior to 1986 may contain lead.



SOIL

Children can be exposed to lead by playing in or breathing around contaminated soil.

Lead can get in soil from lead paint chips or dust on the outside of homes or garages. Past use of leaded gasoline may have contaminated soil.



PAINT

Lead paint dust/chips is the largest source of lead poisoning in children. Most children get lead poisoning from lead paint in homes built before 1978. When old paint peels or cracks, it makes lead dust which kids can swallow or breathe in.



PRODUCTS

High levels of lead have been found in jewelry, especially inexpensive children's jewelry. Lead has often been used in jewelry to make it heavier, to brighten colors, and to stabilize or soften plastic.

Lead has also been found in some baby foods.

For more information about keeping your children safe from lead, visit our **Healthy Children Project Website** at healthychildrenproject.org/lead.



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