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Preventing Lead Poisoning

Lead poisoning is a buildup of a substance called lead in the body.

This occurs over a period of months or years. Lead-based paint and its dust, usually found in older buildings, are common sources of exposure. Young children are especially at risk for lead poisoning.

How Can I Help Protect My Child from Lead Poisoning?

Lead poisoning is entirely preventable. **The best way to help protect your child is to have him or her tested for lead.** You can also take steps to lower your child's risk:

- Wash your child's hands and toys often with cold water
- Test the water in your home for lead
- Keep your child away from peeling paint
- Wet-wipe dust from window sills
- Wet-mop floors
- Avoid candies, toys and children's jewelry imported from Mexico
- Remove recalled toys immediately
- Avoid traditional medicines with known lead content in Hispanic, Indian, Chinese, Thai and Myanmar remedies
- Use containers, cookware, tableware and pottery that are shown to be lead-free
- Have your child play on grass, **pavement or mulch, instead of on bare soil.**

Does MY child have lead poisoning?

The only way to know for sure if your child has been exposed to lead is with a blood lead test and a medical diagnosis.

When Should My Child Be Tested?

All children need a blood lead test done at 1 year and 2 years of age, or between 2 and 5 years of age, if not tested earlier. Use this checklist to keep track of when the doctor has completed your child's blood lead tests.

1 Year/Date:

2 Years/Date:

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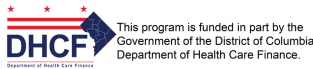
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