

Every child in the city of Detroit under the age of 6 should be tested annually for lead poisoning.

What is Lead?

Lead is toxic metal that was added to residential paint before 1978.

Where Can It Be Found?

Lead can be found in older homes especially around the windows. It can also be found in deteriorated painted surfaces, old water fixtures, dust, and soil.

How Does a Child Get Lead Poisoning?

When lead paint in your house cracks or peels, it can create lead dust. Children have contact with the dust by crawling and/or by putting their hands and toys in their mouths.

How Does Lead Poisoning Affect a Child?

Lead can affect a child's growth, behavior, internal organs, brain development, and ability to learn.

Is it Preventable?

Lead poisoning is preventable. It does not show any specific symptoms. The only way you can check if your child has been exposed is by doing a lead test.

Are There Other Sources of Lead?

Lead can be found in imported spices, cosmetics, medicines,

candy, folk remedies, candle sticks, and metal jewelry from other countries.

Does Lead Poisoning Affect Only Children?

Lead can also affect adults, especially pregnant women and their babies.

You Can Help Reduce the Risk of Lead Poisoning by:

- Washing your child's toys, bottles, pacifiers, and hands frequently
- Cleaning your home frequently and keeping it dust free
- Keeping your child away from bare soil areas
- Offering your child foods that are high in iron, calcium, and Vitamin C
- Testing them for lead once a year

Our Program Offers:

- Home Visits
- Nutrition Education
- Lead Dust Reduction Education
- Referrals



**We are here to assist you.
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