

What is Lead, Why is it Bad, What Can We Do?

What is Lead?

Lead is a natural metal found in the Earth. Humans have used lead to make a lot of things:

- Paint and Gasoline
- Jewelry and Toys
- Pipes, Sinks, and Faucets
- Pottery and Cookware
- Imported goods

In 1978 the United States banned the use of lead in these products because it is dangerous and harmful

Why is Lead Dangerous?

Like arsenic, lead is very toxic. Lead is especially harmful to children and can cause:

- Growth problems
- Learning disabilities
- Behavior problems like aggression or violence
- Hearing and speech difficulties
- Muscle or joint pain

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For more information about lead testing contact your Doctor's office.

What Can We Do?

Awareness

- Learn about the dangers of lead and tell others about it

Screening

- The most important thing you can do, GET TESTED!
- Blood is tested with a small finger poke

Reducing exposure

- Hand washing, especially after playing outside or with toys
- Cleaning flat surfaces with disposable cleaning products
- Remove your shoes before entering your house

Home remediation/lead abatement

Resources for Screening and Support

- Wellness and Community Events
- Your Doctor's Office
- Hamtramck WIC Office
 - (734) 727-7156
- Wayne County Health Department
 - (734) 727-7100



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