

Lead poisoning is the number one preventable environmental health threat to children!



How Do Children Get Lead Poisoning?

When a child licks, swallows, or breathes in dust from lead paint. Wash away lead dust, if you live in a home built before 1978.

How Can Lead Poisoning Harm My Child?

Lead poisoning can cause problems with:

- a child's growth
- a child's behavior
- a child's ability to learn.

Lead can also harm babies before they are born. If you're planning to have a baby, it's important to protect yourself from lead now.

How Can You Protect Your Family?

Be aware, homes built before 1978 most likely contain lead based paint.

Keep children away from lead paint and dust

- Use wet paper towels or damp mop to clean up lead dust. Be sure to clean around windows, play areas, and floors.
- Wash hands and toys often, especially before eating and sleeping. Use soap and water.
- Use contact paper or duct tape to cover chipping or peeling paint.



Don't Bring Lead into Your Home

Be extra careful with jobs or hobbies that involve working with lead such as:

- Building restoration
- Plumbing
- Stained glass work
- Using lead bullets, fishing sinkers, some craft paint, some kinds of pottery glaze, and lead solder.
- Imported spices, cosmetics, and ethnic home remedies



Renovate safely

- Home repairs like sanding or scraping paint can make dangerous dust.
- Keep children and pregnant women away from the work area.
- Make sure you and/or any workers are trained in lead safe work practices.

Testing My Child for Lead Poisoning

A child with lead poisoning may not look or feel sick. The only sure way to know is to get a blood test. Ask your child's doctor or your local health department about having your child tested TODAY!



New York State Law

Requires doctors to test ALL children for lead at age 1 and again at age 2.

For more information about lead or to have your child tested for lead, contact your local health department's lead poisoning prevention program:

Chemung County
(607) 737-2028

Livingston County
(585) 243-7299

Ontario County
(585) 396-4343

Schuyler County
(607) 535-8140

Seneca County
(315) 539-1920

Steuben County
(607) 664-2438

Wayne County
(315) 946-5749

Yates County
(315) 536-5160

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Lead

Poisoning



Mission:

Increase awareness and promote the prevention and early detection of lead poisoning in our communities

Vision:

Eliminate lead poisoning in the Finger Lakes Region

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