## **Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning**

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health.



Damage to the brain and nervous system



Slowed growth and development

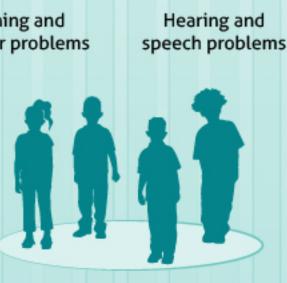


Learning and behavior problems





- Lower IO
- Decreased ability to pay attention
- Underperformance at school



Lead can be found throughout a child's environment.



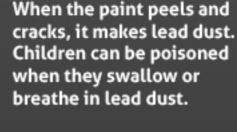


(when lead-based paints were banned) probably contain lead-based paint.

Homes built before 1978



Lead can be found in some products such as toys and tov jewelry.





Lead is sometimes in candies imported from other countries or traditional home remedies.



contain lead.

Certain water pipes may



Certain jobs and hobbies involve working with lead-based products, like stain glass work, and may cause parents to bring lead into the home.

## The Impact

535,000 U. S. children ages 1 to 5 years

enough to damage their health.

have blood lead levels high



## 24 million homes in the U.S. contain deteriorated lead-based paint and elevated levels of

lead-contaminated house dust.



It can cost

in medical and special education costs for each seriously lead-poisoned child.



Lead poisoning is 100% preventable.

The good news:

Take these steps to make your home lead-safe.



your doctor about exposure to sources of lead.

Talk with your local health department about

Talk with your child's doctor about a simple blood

lead test. If you are pregnant or nursing, talk with



live in a home built before 1978. Renovate safely. Common renovation activities

testing paint and dust in your home for lead if you



(like sanding, cutting, replacing windows, and more) can create hazardous lead dust. If you're planning renovations, use contractors certified by the **Environmental Protection Agency (visit** www.epa.gov/lead for information).



Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry from children and discard as appropriate. Stay up-to-date on current recalls by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website: www.cpsc.gov.



Visit www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead to learn more.