

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM LEAD



How Can Children Be Exposed?



Peeling paint
& dust



Soil

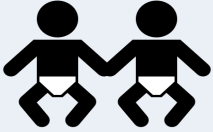


Drinking water/pipes &
plumbing



Industrial sites

How Does Lead Affect Children?



Damage to brain &
nervous system

Hearing & speech
problems

Lower IQ



Learning & behavior
problems

Slowed growth &
development

Decreased attention



Risk of miscarriage

Your baby may be born
too early or too small

Damage to your baby's
brain, kidneys, & nervous
system

Who Is Most Vulnerable?



Those living in homes
built before 1978

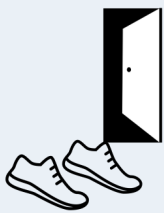


Children under 6 years old



Those living near former
lead smelters

Simple Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure



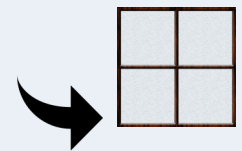
Remove shoes before
entering the house



Wash hands, bottles,
pacifiers & toys often



Run faucet on cold
for 1-2 minutes if
water hasn't been used
for 6 hours or more.



Wet clean floors &
window sills often



Have your child tested
for lead



Renovate safely

www.epa.gov/lead



Children's meals high
in calcium & iron



Use point of use filter
NSF/ANSI standard
53 along with claim
of lead reduction



Use cold water for
drinking & cooking