



Colorado Let's Fight Lead Poisoning



*Lead poisoning is the No. 1 preventable environmental health threat to children.
Lead poisoning can cause **permanent** health, learning and behavioral problems.*

Lead In Toys

Recently it has been found that many of the toys imported from China contain lead.



Playing with toys containing lead could result in your child getting lead poisoning.



Use caution when buying toys made in China or letting your child play with any toys that came from China.

Tests have also found lead in dog toys made in China.



Other items that may contain lead include imported –

- plastic miniblinds
- candy
- ceramic pots and dishes
- home remedies such as Greta and Azarcon

Lead is most dangerous to children up to 6 years old, and its effects are lifelong.

Effects of Lead Poisoning

Most children who have lead poisoning don't have obvious symptoms but may show signs of the following:

- Speech, language, and behavioral problems, especially in school.
- Short attention span
- Loss of appetite
- Digestive problems
- Trouble sleeping
- Hearing problems
- Learning problems
- Slowed development
- Poor muscle coordination



Fight Lead Poisoning

In 2012, CDC lowered the reference level from 10 to 5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) to identify children with elevated blood lead levels.

Medicaid, CHP+, & Colorado Resident Discount recipients are required to have a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months, or 36-72 months of age if not tested previously. Ask your doctor. It's free!

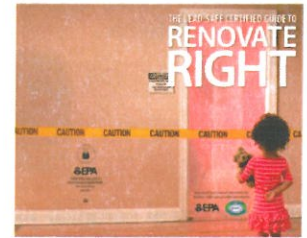
Pre-Renovation Education Rule

This may affect you.

All contractors working in pre-1978 housing and disturbing more than 2 square feet of paint are now required to give the homeowner the following pamphlet.

This applies to any contractor working in your home including

- painters
- remodelers
- carpenters
- electricians
- plumbers



If your home was built prior to 1978, have it inspected for lead-based paint before beginning any renovation or remodeling project.

Removing lead-based paint improperly increases the risk of lead poisoning. NEVER sand or scrape dry paint.

If you had a contractor do work in your home and you did not get the pamphlet, please call 303-692-3150 and ask for a Lead Inspector.

** Get your children tested.*

** Get your home inspected.*

** Use lead-safe work methods during all renovation and remodeling projects.*

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