

International lead poisoning prevention awareness week

Eliminating lead in paints

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Lead is a poison. It has serious consequences for health

- There is no safe amount of lead exposure.
- Lead is particularly harmful to children and pregnant women affecting the developing brain and nervous system of children.
- Lead gets into the body mainly by eating and breathing in small particles.

You and your children may be exposed to lead

- In many countries, lead is found in household paints.
- Lead paint is also used on toys, playgrounds and other children's products.
- Lead from paint ends up in household dust.



Protect your family

- Wash your children's hands to remove invisible lead dust.
- Clean the house regularly to remove dust/dirt that may contain lead particles.
- Ask for lead-free paint. Alternatives exist.

