

is a widely used metal that is harmful to human health and the environment

HOW ARE CHILDREN EXPOSED TO LEAD?



Inhaling dust and eating soil



Putting toys and other objects with high lead content in their mouths



Eating food or drinking water contaminated with lead

Every year, approximately 600,000 children develop intellectual disabilities because of exposure to lead



Children surviving lead poisoning may suffer from behavioral disruption and mental retardation

ADULTS MAY BE EXPOSED TO LEAD BY:





Eating or drinking food or water contaminated with lead or kept in lead-glazed pottery



Breathing lead dust during renovations or repair work



Working in a job involving lead such as making or recycling lead-acid batteries

A pregnant woman's exposure to lead negatively impacts the development of the fetus

