

R_X PRESCRIPTION FOR PREVENTION



Lead Paint

Lead paint dust in older homes is the main way children are exposed to lead. Even low levels of lead can affect a child's learning and behavior.



- ✓ If your home was built before 1978, or you are not sure how old your home is, talk with your local health department or call the EPA's National Lead Information Center (1-800-424-LEAD) about getting your home tested for lead.
- ✓ Renters: If peeling paint is present, talk to your landlord. If you are unsatisfied with their response, talk with your local health or housing department, or go to www.lawhelpny.org to find free legal aid.
- ✓ Homeowners: Keep your children away from peeling paint. Fix peeling paint and make home repairs safely (your local department of health can provide information on lead-safe methods).
- ✓ Your child should get tested for lead at their 1 and 2 year old doctor visit. Older children should get tested if you are concerned about a potential lead exposure.

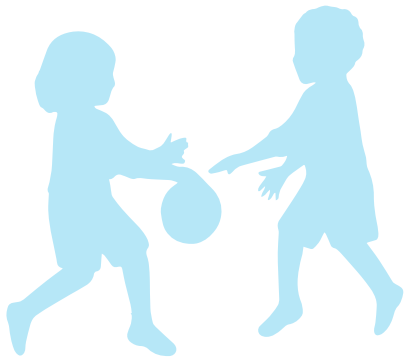
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- ✓ If you are concerned about lead paint in your home: contact your local health department or visit the NYS Department of Health website:
www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead
- ✓ For more information visit: nyscheck.org/rx



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