



Lead Paint

Did you know?

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.

Action Plan

- 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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Resources

To learn more about lead, visit epa.gov/lead

For more information on protecting your family, visit healthychildren.org and search "Lead Exposure: Steps to Protect Your Family."

For local resources regarding lead paint:

New York City	In NYC, landlords must inspect for lead hazards if children under 6 reside in the home. To learn more, visit nyc.gov/health and search "lead poisoning prevention"
New York State	New York State requires that healthcare providers test all 1- and 2-year-old children for lead. Learn more about resources in NYS to address lead poisoning: health.ny.gov/environmental/lead
New Jersey	In New Jersey, landlords must maintain housing in a lead-safe manner, and all 1- and 2-year-old children are tested for lead. Learn more: state.nj.us/health/childhoodlead

For more information, visit icahn.mssm.edu/research/pehsu/information