

# TIPS FOR LEAD SAFE TOYS

- Wash toys regularly to clean off household dust.
  - Homes built **before 1978** may have lead-based paint. Homes near busy roadways, in older neighborhoods, or near industry may have lead-contaminated soil.
  - Toys can pick up lead dust in homes with deteriorating or damaged lead-based paint or with lead-contaminated soil.
- Beware of older toys and inexpensive, imported toys, including ones from yard sales, second-hand stores, flea markets and dollar stores.
- Make sure art supplies have an Art and Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) non-toxic seal.
- Check recall lists ([www.cpsc.gov/recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/recalls)) for toys you are considering buying.
- Get informed about the uses and limitations of home lead testing kits.
- Learn more about other sources of lead.

**A blood test is the only way to know if your child has been exposed to lead.**

**#kNOWLEAD**

Protect your child from lead exposure. Know the sources of lead contamination:

- Lead based paint**  
If your house was built before 1978
- Imported goods**  
Some imported goods such as toys, cosmetics, candy, and spices
- Herbal remedies**  
Some herbal remedies and folk medicines
- Leaded pipes**  
Old water pipes with lead
- Ceramic pottery**  
Lead has long been used in ceramic ware in glazes

Get your child tested at ages 1 & 2, and get the facts at [nj.gov/health/childhoodlead](http://nj.gov/health/childhoodlead) or follow **#kNOWLEAD**

For more information:

Contact Montclair Health Department

(973) 509 - 4970



# KEEP THE LEAD OUT!



# Your Guide to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

## How are children exposed to lead?

Lead is a naturally occurring metal that can be found in:

- Imported consumer products such as cosmetics, spices, cultural home remedies, pottery, and toys
- Take home lead from hobbies and occupations
- Water pumped through leaded pipes
- Contaminated soil and air

## Why is it harmful?

Lead affects the **brain** and **nervous system**.

In children, this can result in:

- Lowered intelligence
- Hyperactivity
- Attention deficits
- Developmental delays
- Decreased hearing

A venous lead result of **5 µg/dL or higher** warrants intervention from your local health department, but **no lead level is safe**.



## TOY SAFETY

Identify whether products in your home have been recalled by checking the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at [www.cpsc.gov/recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/recalls) and search "lead" for a list of recalled toys.



*Active Kyds Toy Garden Tools Set, January 2017*



*Boy Scouts Neckerchief, September 2018*



*Base Brands Water Bottles, April 2018*



## If you have a recalled toy in your home:

- Remove it from your child immediately.
- Do **NOT** throw out the product – follow the manufacturer's instructions for the recall.
- Clean other toys that were near the recalled product.

**WARNING!** Children who play with toys that are cracked or have peeling paint are most at risk!

**ASK YOUR DOCTOR TO GET YOUR CHILD TESTED FOR LEAD**

