

Here Are Some Things You Can Do To Keep Your Children Safe From Lead Exposure

- ◆ Clean up often and keep children away from chipping and flaking paint.
- ◆ Wash children's hands throughout the day, especially before eating and before bedtime.
- ◆ Check your child's toys to ensure that they were not produced with lead components. Discourage your children from placing non-food items in their mouths.
- ◆ Eat healthy, nutritious, well-balanced meals and snacks.
- ◆ Place washable mats inside and outside entry doors.
- ◆ Leave shoes at the door before entering the house to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- ◆ Use cold tap water for cooking, drinking, or preparing baby formula. Let the water run for 1 to 2 minutes before using.
- ◆ Monitor children during play near windows or painted items with peeling paint.
- ◆ Be mindful of lead hazards in the homes of family members or others who provide care to your child.
- ◆ If there is flaking or peeling paint present in the unit you rent for your family, tell your landlord about the City of New Haven's Lead Hazard Control Program.
- ◆ If you are a homeowner or landlord and observe flaking or peeling paint in your property, contact the City of New Haven's Lead Hazard Control Program to learn more about the abatement program that will keep your family or tenants safe.

The New Haven Lead Hazard Control Program is a collaborative effort between the following City Departments:

- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Bureau of Purchasing
- ◆ City Plan
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Health Department
- ◆ Livable City Initiative
- ◆ Office of Management & Budget
- ◆ Small Business Development Program

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Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

**TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS IN REMOVING LEAD HAZARDS FROM
THEIR HOMES AND RENTAL PROPERTIES**



For information on how to participate in the Lead Hazard Control Program contact:

New Haven Health Department
Bureau of Environmental Health
54 Meadow Street, 9th Floor
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 946-8174

- ◆ Eligible property owners may qualify for a forgivable loan to remove lead-based paint from each unit of housing built before 1978.
- ◆ Loans are 0% interest, for a 5-year term and forgiven at a rate of 20% per year through the term of the loan.
- ◆ At year 5, the loan will be **FULLY FORGIVEN.**

For more information go to www.newhavenlead.com.

Join us in the fight to end childhood lead poisoning.

Everything One Should Know About Lead Poisoning But Didn't Know Whom To Ask

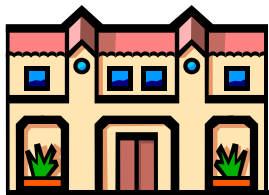
The Effects of Lead

Most children with high levels of lead in their body seem healthy. The only way to know if a child has lead poison in their system is with a blood test. Lead poisoning can cause behavioral, hearing, and learning problems and may harm a child's brain, kidneys, and other organs. Damages from lead can be prevented but, once done, cannot be reversed. By law all children must be tested for lead poisoning between 1 or 2 years of age.

Lead poisoning may also cause serious developmental problems such as premature birth, low-birth weight, or even miscarriage in the unborn children of pregnant women who have lead in their systems.

Where Lead is Found

Lead-based paint can be found on old wooden windows, doors, stairs, walls, fences, and porches in homes that were built before 1978. Lead paint surfaces are hazardous when chips, flakes, or cracks are present. Sanded or scraped lead-based painted surfaces create lead dust. The contaminated dust also proliferates when old windows open or close. Exterior lead-based paint chips that fall from old buildings, houses, or other structures will create lead contaminated soil. It is estimated that over 85% of occupied housing units in New Haven contain lead-based paint.



The federal government banned lead-based paint from housing in 1978.



Childhood lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem in the U.S.



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The Solution To Ending Lead Poisoning Is Closer Than One Might Think

Let's Work Together To Make New Haven Homes Safe For Young Children

The Lead Hazard Control Program has funds available to help property owners create lead safe housing for New Haven residents and their families. Participating in the Lead Hazard Control Program is easy to do.

Program Overview & Basic Eligibility

The primary purpose of the program is to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes.

Priority will be given to applicants with an order to abate lead from the City of New Haven Health Department. The Livable City Initiative's strategy is to target the following housing situations:

- ◆ Units where lead poisoned children already reside;
- ◆ Pre-1978 housing where young children reside; or
- ◆ Pre-1978 housing where young children are likely to reside.

Loan Applications Will be Prioritized as follows:

1. Homeowner/renter occupied or vacant units with an order to abate lead from the City of New Haven Health Department.
2. Dwelling units occupied with resident children 6 years of age or younger.
3. Vacant or homeowner occupied dwelling units where the intention is to accommodate children 6 years of age or younger after the lead hazard control activity is completed.

Participation Is Easy!

