

## Lead Facts

*Contrary to conventional thought, lead contamination is still a concern in our community.*

### Possible Lead Sources:

- Paint, varnishes & stains
- Dust
- Soil
- Water
- Food
- Toys
- Housewares
- Jewelry
- Window Blinds

The primary source of lead contamination is still in the home.  
Houses built prior to 1978 are most at risk.

### What can you do?

Keep paint prior to 1978 in the home in good condition, flaking old paint is a concern. Don't sand or disturb the paint. If paint prior to 1978 is not flaking, you can paint over it, but if removal is needed, then have it tested prior to renovation.

If you suspect lead exposure, talk to your doctor and have blood tested for lead exposure.

### Effects:

Lead exposure is most dangerous for children under six & pregnant women. Nervous system disorders, kidney damage, learning disabilities & speech impediments are possible, as well as muscle, bone & hearing development disorders.