

Sources of Lead

- Lead paint - lead-based paint is found in many homes built before 1978. Lead paint that is deteriorating can be a source of lead poisoning for children.
- Household dust - dust can become contaminated from deteriorating lead-based paint.
- Soil – soil can become contaminated from exterior lead-based paint.
- Drinking water – water can become contaminated if plumbing contains lead or lead solder.
- Certain occupations and hobbies (see below).

Occupations/Industries

Ammunition/explosives maker
Auto repair/auto bodywork
Battery maker
Bridge, tunnel repair
Bricklayers
Building or repairing ships
Cable repair
Construction
Ceramics worker (pottery, tiles)
Firing range worker
Leaded glass factory worker
Industrial machinery/equipment
Jewelry maker or repair
Junkyard employee
Lead miner
Melting metal (smelting)
Painter
Paint/pigment manufacturing
Plumbing
Pouring molten metal (foundry work)
Radiator repair
Remodeling/repainting/renovating houses or buildings built before 1978
Removing paint (sandblasting, scraping, sanding, heat gun or torch)
Salvaging metal or batteries
Welding, metal workers

Hobbies/Miscellaneous

Old painted toys and furniture
Food and liquids stored in lead crystal or lead-glazed pottery or porcelain.
Remodeling, repairing, renovating home
Painting/stripping cars, boats, bicycles
Soldering
Melting lead for fishing sinkers or bullets
Making stained glass
Firing guns at a shooting range