# The Story of Childhood Lead Poisoning 

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## Lead Poisoning - The InVisible Disease

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## The Story of Lead Poisoning

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# The Story of Lead Poisoning 

## Young Child - Greater Risk

Children under six years of age are at risk because...
their brains are growing quickly.


> WHO? $\square$ WHAT? $\square$ WHEN? $\square$ WHY? $\square$ WHERE? $\square$ HOW?

## Young Child - Greater Risk

Children under six years of age are at risk because...
their bodies absorb lead more quickly.


## Six times faster than adults

## Young Child - Greater Risk

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# Children are at risk if their bodies have 

 low iron because...they may absorb more
 lead.
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# What Do Young Children Do? PublicHealth Sullivan County Public Health Services 

Children under six years of age are at risk because...
they put everything in their mouths.

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## What Do Young Children Do? Public Health Services

They crawl on the floor where lead dust settles.

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## What Do Young Children Do? PublicHealth <br> Sullivan County

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## They play by windows or on a porch with chipping paint.


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## Young Children Should Have Their Blood Tested for Lead



At one and two, testing for lead is what to do.

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## Young Children Should Have Their Blood Tested for Lead


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# Lifelong Effects of Lead Poisoning 

 As children:

Inattentive


Misbehaving


Trouble Learning

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## Lifelong Effects of Lead Poisoning

## As teenagers:

Skipping School


## Teen Pregnancy



Smoking

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## As adults:

## Memory Loss



High Blood Pressure


Heart Attack

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## LOOK OUT FOR LEAD

## WHERE TO LOOK:

Lead is commonly found in homes built before 1978.


Older homes are more likely to have lead paint hazards.

## Where can you find lead in a

 home?
## LOOK OUT FOR LEAD



## Where is lead found?

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WHERE?

## How Much Lead Does it Take to Poison a Child?

## Less than the size of a sugar packet spread around a two-bedroom house.


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## Sources of Lead in Homes



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## Lead in Other Products

## Jewelry



Sidewalk chalk


Candies

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## Lead in Other Products



Toys


Ceramic Dishes
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## Lead in Other Products

Home Remedies



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## How to Prevent Lead Poisoning

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High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) Vacuum


Wet Washing

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From Work


From Hobbies

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Cover Peeling Paint



Wash Hands Often

Block Access/Lock Door
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## Resources

## Seek out funding to fix lead hazards

## For More Information <br> PublicHealth <br> Prevent. Promote. Protect. Sullivan County Public Health Services

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http://sullivanny.us/Departments/Publichealth/Leadpoisoning
New York State Department of Health
https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/
Product Recall Searchable Database
http://www.saferproducts.gov/Search/Result.aspx?dm=0\&q=lead\&srt=0

