



National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week October 24 – 30, 2021

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) is an annual call to leverage efforts to eliminate childhood lead-poisoning through increased lead poisoning prevention awareness. Established in 1999 by the US Senate, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week normally occurs every year during the last week in October. Federal, state, tribal, and local governments along with individuals, organizations, and industry partner together to highlight actions that parents, homeowners, renters, and others can take to reduce children's exposure to lead in their environment and prevent its serious health effects.

Click the below shown LEAD links to access lead information and resources provided by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Toxic Substances Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other partners that share the mission to eliminate childhood lead-poisoning.

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Monday, October 25th, 2021

Why Should I Be Concerned About Lead?

[It's Preventable, But It's Still Happening](#)

You should be concerned because lead poisoning in children is preventable, but it continues to be a common environmental health problem. Laws enacted in the 1970s and later have resulted in significant decreases in [lead poisoning](#) through public awareness, product controls, and work-force education & training. However, since paint-lead and dust-lead hazards still exist in both residential and school pre-78 structures, lead poisoning in children still exists. Lead exposure to children and adults can also occur from occupational or recreational (hobbies, gun ranges, etc.) sources. The effects of lead poisoning can result in serious, including some irreversible, health effects.

[Lead Poisoning Can Have Serious Health Effects](#)

You should be concerned because lead is a toxic metal and there is not safe level of lead exposure. Lead is found in a variety of products and materials, including paint, vinyl mini-blinds, drinking water pipes, leaded crystal, dishware, fishing sinkers, spices, and pottery coatings. When lead is absorbed into the body, it can damage or interfere with the development and functioning of vital organs like the brain, kidneys, nerves, and blood cells. For this reason, lead poisoning is especially harmful to children under the age of six. Understanding, identifying, and safely removing sources of lead, can help minimize or prevent adverse effects caused by lead poisoning.

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How Do You Know if There is Lead in Your Home?

[Checklist for Lead Exposure Risk](#)

Assess the potential for lead exposure at your [home](#) or school.

[Real Estate Lead-Disclosure](#)

Federal law requires disclosure of known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before the sale or lease of housing built before 1978. - Before signing contracts to purchase or lease/rent a pre-78 residence, check the lead-disclosure for information pertaining to lead.

[Store Test Kits](#)

Purchase EPA approved [Lead Check kits](#) from your local home improvement store or contact a NLLAP laboratory for directions on how to collect and submit samples for analysis.

[Hire a Lead Professional](#)

If your home was built before 1978, you can hire a certified lead inspector or risk assessor to conduct:

A [lead-based paint inspection](#) that tells you if your home has lead-based paint and where it is located.

A [lead risk assessment](#) that tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from paint, dust, or soil, and where they are located.

If hiring a contractor to renovate, repair, or paint, ensure that a RRP certified renovator tests all planned areas of disturbance using a [Lead Check kit](#).

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How Do You Know if There is Lead in My Drinking Water?

[Keep Drinking Water Homes](#) and Schools Lead Safe

You cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water. Learn basic information about sources of lead in drinking water and suggestions for reducing exposure. Contact your local water authority for information about testing and identifying lead in your water.

- Buildings built before 1986 are more likely to have lead pipes, fixtures, and solder.
- [Have your water tested](#) at home. Homes may have internal plumbing materials containing lead. Testing is the only sure way to find out if harmful quantities of lead are in your drinking water. Contact your water your State and local drinking water programs for more [information](#) on testing water in your home or school.
- Ask officials at your child's school or daycare to request a [test kit](#) to test the water at their childcare facility. Check with [State](#) and local drinking water programs for information on [free sampling and analysis opportunities](#).
- Clean faucet aerators.
- Use an [approved filter](#) to control exposure from lead in water.
- [Replace lead service lines](#) on your property.



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Get Your Child Tested

Lead poisoning is preventable! There is NO known safe blood lead level. A simple blood test can detect lead. Act early and get your child tested! Talk to your doctor or health care provider and local health department for more information.

Who Should be tested?

- Blood lead tests are usually recommended for children at 12- and 24-months. Children 36-72 months old without a documented blood lead level.*
- Children whose parent/guardian requests a blood lead level.
- Children whose parent/guardian answers “yes” or “don’t know” to any questions on the [risk assessment questionnaire](#) used at well-child checks between 6-72 months of age or when child’s risk status changes.
- All foreign-born children (such as recent immigrants, refugees, and international adoptees) should be screened for elevated blood lead levels within 90 days of arrival into the United States. Screening should be repeated 3-6 months later after placed in permanent residence for children 6 months to 6 years of age.

*Required for all TennCare recipients

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Keep Homes and Schools Lead Safe

Keep all painted surfaces intact and undisturbed to prevent lead dust creation through paint deterioration. Keep grassed play areas; eliminate play in bare [soil](#) areas.

- Keep homes and schools clean and dust-free. Clean around painted areas where friction can generate dust, such as doors, windows, and drawers. Wipe these areas with a wet sponge or rag to remove paint chips or dust.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and [toys](#) often.
- Teach children to wipe and remove their shoes and wash hands after playing outdoors.
- If you are [performing renovation, repairs, or painting](#) or have hired a contractor, make sure your contractor is [RRP Lead-Safe Certified](#) or certified as a [TN LBP abatement professional](#), and make sure they follow [abatement](#) and [RRP lead safe work practices](#).
- If you [work](#) around lead containing materials, you can carry lead [dust](#) home on your clothes. Keep your family safe by taking off and separately bagging shoes and clothes until cleaned or laundered; shower to remove dust from hair and skin. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/lead/safe.html>



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Lead Information in Other Languages

Lead Awareness and Prevention In Your Language

Agencies have or will provide lead information in multiple languages. The below listed fact sheets are among those found at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/lead-safety-documents-and-outreach-materials>

- NEW! English: [Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Spanish Translations: [Proteja a Su Familia Contra el Plomo en el Hogar](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Arabic Translations: [إحم أسرتك من الرصاص الموجود في بيتك](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! French Translations: [Protégez votre famille du plomb dans votre maison](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Chinese (Simplified) Translations: [保护您的家人远离家中的铅中毒](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Chinese (Traditional) Translations: [保護你的家庭，不要讓鉛進入你的家](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Korean Translations: [내 가족을 납 성분으로 부터 보호하십시오](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Polish Translations: [CHROŃ RODZINĘ PRZED OŁOWIEM W DOMU](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Russian Translations: [В Вашем доме: защитите свою семью от свинца](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Somali Translations: [Ka Badbaa di Qoyska Halista Leedhka](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Tagalog Translations: [Protektahan ang Iyong Pamilya mula sa Lead sa Iyong Tahanan](#) (March 2021)
- NEW! Vietnamese Translations: [Hãy Bảo Vệ Gia Đình Của Bạn Khỏi Bị Nhiễm Chì Ở Trong Nhà](#) (March 2021)

TEST YOUR KNOWLEADGE

Test your basic Lead IQ. Just click on a link, complete the quiz, submit your answers to get the results. Each site has the same quiz; quiz origin is unknown at this time. If you know the original developer, let us know.

•[Take the Lead Safety Quiz - Stanford Children's Health](https://www.stanfordchildrens.org/en/topic/default?...)

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•[Lead Safety Quiz - Health Library](https://myhealth.ucsd.edu/Conditions/COPD/40,LeadPaintToxicQuiz)

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•[Lead Safety Quiz - Health Encyclopedia - University of ...](https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/encyclopedia/...)

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•[Take the Lead Safety Quiz - Northwestern Medicine](https://encyclopedia.nm.org/InteractiveTools/Quizzes/40,LeadPaintToxicQuiz)

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True or false: The most serious effects of **lead** exposure in children are vomiting and weight loss? Learn the answer by taking the **Lead Safety Quiz**.

•[Take the Lead Safety Quiz - Brigham and Women's Hospital](http://healthlibrary.brighamandwomens.org/YourFamily/...)

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•[Take the Lead Safety Quiz - BayCare](https://www.baycare.org/health-library/lead-safety-quiz)

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•[Take the Lead Safety Quiz - University Health System](https://healthinfo.universityhealthsystem.com/...)

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•[Lead Safety Quiz](http://johnshopkinshealthcare.staywellsolutionsonline.com/...)

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SHARE YOUR KNOW**LEAD**GE & HOW YOU PROMOTE LEAD AWARENESS

Complete one or more of the following. Send your comments to LBP.Notify@tn.gov and place "Share Your KnowLEADge" in the subject line.

- Identify any question/answer combinations in the preceding quiz that you believe are incorrect? Which one(s) and Why?
- What types of actions have you taken in 2021 to increase lead awareness and keep Tennessee kids lead-safe?
- Would you like to participate in NLPPW in 2022? What information or demonstrations would you share?



National Lead-Poisoning Prevention Week Webinars and Virtual Events

Participate in a webinar or live virtual event viewing to learn more. Click the link to register for available webinars or videos.

- [Find out more on TDEC's webpage](#)
- [Find out more on EPA's NLPPW webpage](#) and [video](#)
- [Find out more on HUD's NLPPW webpage.](#)
([NLPPW Webinar Program 2021.pdf \(hud.gov\)](#))
- [Find out more on CDC's NLPPW webpage.](#)
- [Find out more on FDA's webpage](#)
- [Find out more on the CPSC webpage](#)

