

Peeling Lead Paint Turns Into Poisonous Dust

Guess where it ends up?



5 Simple Ways to Protect Your Child

Lead Can Cause Learning Problems

Lead is a poison often found in old paint. Lead paint, and the dust it turns into, is the most common cause of lead poisoning. Lead dust is especially dangerous for young children. Lead can cause learning and behavior problems.



Lead dust from peeling paint can land on window sills, floors and toys. When children play on the floor and put their hands and toys in their mouths, they can swallow lead dust.

Sometimes foods and spices, medicines, clay pots and dishes, cosmetics and toys from other countries can contain lead.

Most children who have lead poisoning do not look or feel sick. A blood test is the only way to know for sure if your child has lead poisoning.

5 Simple Ways to Protect Your Child From Lead Poisoning

- 1** Report peeling paint to your landlord. Call 311 if your landlord doesn't fix it or if you think repair work is being done unsafely.
- 2** Remind your doctor to test your child for lead poisoning at ages 1 and 2. Ask the doctor about testing older children.
- 3** Wash floors, window sills, hands, toys and pacifiers often.
- 4** Don't use foods and spices, medicines, clay pots and dishes, cosmetics and toys from other countries. They may contain lead.
- 5** Use only cold tap water to make baby formula and for drinking and cooking. (Run the water for a few minutes first.) Call 311 to get a free water testing kit.





**Landlords must fix peeling paint.
It's the law.**

Call 311 for information or
visit nyc.gov/lead.

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