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- Lead enters our bodies when we eat or drink something contaminated with lead, or when we breath in lead dust.
- Lead gets stored in bones. Wash hands, toys, floors, and pets often (animal fur can carry lead dust).
- There are many inexpensive and easy temporary measures you can take to eliminate lead hazards in your home. Call 251-6104 for more information.
- Even low levels of lead negatively affect a child's IQ and behavior.
- Learn where lead hides! Lead is still found in industrial and marine paints, fishing weights, bullets, children's jewelry, car keys, and foreign pottery. Lead can leach into drinking water through galvanized, brass or lead-soldered pipes.
- Adults can unknowingly expose children to lead through contaminated work clothes, shoes, and car seats. Clean up before leaving work!
- If you are a landlord, federal law requires you to notify tenants of the possible existence of lead in all homes built before 1978. Chipping or peeling paint is a housing code violation, regardless of lead content. You may be held responsible if a child is poisoned in your home.
- Adults can be poisoned by lead too. Most at risk are renovators/remodelers. If you are a renovator, wash your hands before smoking or eating, and remember to wear a respirator! Call the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (828-251-6104) for safe-practices trainings.

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