

# LEAD SAFETY

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## How does lead enter the body?

- **INGESTION** (eating or swallowing lead dust or flakes through hand-to-mouth behaviors)
- **INHALATION** (breathing in dust).

## Where is lead found?



Paint in houses or buildings built before 1978



Some toys or jewelry



Soil found in certain areas



Water from lead pipes or lead plumbing



Some imported cosmetics, candy, and home remedies



Jobs and hobbies using lead materials

## Does lead in your body cause symptoms?

Lead poisoning usually occurs with **NO** symptoms or obvious signs!

Some children may show:

- Tiredness or loss of energy
- Hyperactivity
- Irritability or crankiness
- Difficulty with attention or focus
- Loss of appetite

## What are the effects of lead exposure?

Lead is a poison that affects every system of the body!

Moderate levels of exposure can cause behavior and learning problems, impaired speech, slow growth, hyperactivity, hearing damage, kidney damage, and liver damage.

High levels of exposure can cause serious health problems including seizures and coma.