

Ivy Tech / EMI



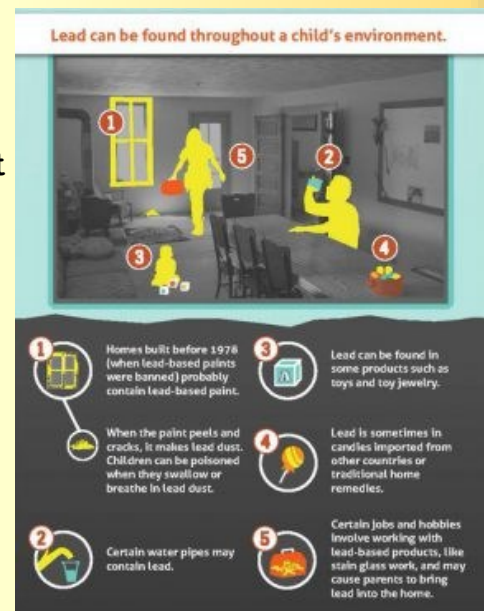
Cases of elevated blood lead levels are referred for case management, assessment and inspection. Lead inspectors and risk assessors are trained by Ivy Tech's Environmental Management Institute. Valparaiso's Ivy Tech campus worked closely with IDOH (Indiana Department of Health and EMI (Environmental Management Institute, located on the Ivy Tech-Indianapolis Campus) to bring Lead Inspector and Risk Assessor training to the Valparaiso campus to meet the needs of local health departments and other organizations in Northwest and Northcentral Indiana.



More information about EMI can be found at: <https://www.ivytech.edu/classes/skills-training-classes/how-skills-training-works/environmental-management-institute/>

Protecting Children From Lead Poisoning:

Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to their lifelong health. Lead is a naturally occurring metal that can be found in the air, soil, dust and paint inside or outside of some homes and other buildings built before 1978. Lead is toxic to everyone, but because their bodies are still developing and growing rapidly, lead is especially toxic to unborn babies and young children less than six years of age. No level of lead in the blood has been found to be safe but lead toxicity can be prevented.



Blood lead testing can be done at the Porter County Health Department. Please call the Valparaiso office at (219) 465-3525 or the Portage Office at (219) 759-8239 to get more information or to schedule an appointment.

In the event of an elevated lead level, case management is initiated, and follow-up is done by the nurse/case manager.

