

WHAT IS LEAD?

LEAD IS A TOXIC METAL THAT CAN POSE SIGNIFICANT HEALTH ISSUES, ESPECIALLY IN YOUNG CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN. INCREASED EXPOSURE CAN AFFECT PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING ABILITIES.

LEAD SOURCES

- HOMES BUILT BEFORE 1978 MAY HAVE LEAD-BASED PAINT. PEELING OR CHIPPING PAINT CAN RELEASE LEAD DUST.
- LEAD PIPES AND FIXTURES CAN CONTAMINATE DRINKING WATER. OLDER HOMES ARE ESPECIALLY AT RISK.
- SOIL NEAR OLD BUILDINGS OR ROADS MAY CONTAIN LEAD FROM PAST USE OF LEADED GASOLINE AND PAINT.
- LEAD DUST CAN ACCUMULATE ON SURFACES IN HOMES, ESPECIALLY WHERE RENOVATIONS OR REPAIRS HAVE OCCURRED



IF YOU NOTICE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS IN YOUR CHILD, IT MAY INDICATE LEAD EXPOSURE:

- **DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS:** DIFFICULTY LEARNING NEW SKILLS OR FALLING BEHIND
- **BEHAVIORAL CHANGES:** INCREASED IRRITABILITY, AGGRESSION, OR HYPERACTIVITY.
- **FATIGUE OR LETHARGY:** UNUSUAL TIREDNESS AND FATIGUE
- **LOSS OF APPETITE:** DECLINING INTEREST IN FOOD OR DIFFICULTY EATING
- **DIGESTIVE ISSUES:** COMPLAINTS OF STOMACH PAIN, CONSTIPATION, OR VOMITING.
- **HEADACHES:** FREQUENT HEADACHES THAT SEEM UNUSUAL FOR YOUR CHILD.

