

LEAD POISONING



Putting Environmental Health Data into Action

Read and click on the links below to learn about ways to engage in lead poisoning action.

TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS:

Individual: Take steps to prevent lead exposure

Community: Educate workers on how to prevent take-home lead exposure

Structural: Encourage organizations to adhere to lead exposure limits

INDIVIDUAL: Learn, act, and protect yourself

- To learn:
 - There is no safe level of lead exposure
 - Sources of lead exposure
 - Occupational and non-occupational lead exposure in adults
 - Health effects of lead exposure
 - Steps to prevent lead exposure
- To do:
 - Test children for lead exposure
 - Avoid lead-based cookware, such as ceramics and enameled cast iron
 - Make your home lead safe

COMMUNITY: Support your social networks

- Educate workers on how to prevent take-home lead exposure and contain lead remediation and renovation work areas
- Supply parents with information on reducing child lead levels
- Encourage primary care providers to review PA's Lead-Free Promise Project Toolkit
- Ask your child's day care center or school facility manager if they regularly test for lead and check the conditions of these locations

STRUCTURAL: Advocate for organizational & policy level change

- Encourage organizations to adhere to lead exposure limits
- Increase home/building lead testing center locations throughout the state
- Subsidize lead remediation costs in environmental justice areas
- Advocate for local governments to require landlords to regularly test rental properties built before 1978 for lead & remediate if necessary (inspired by Philadelphia's Rental Property Lead Certification Law)