

## **Prescriptions for Prevention**

## **Postnatal Lead Exposure**

#### **Bucks County**

Most children do not show immediate signs of being exposed to lead. A blood lead test is the only way to confirm exposure. **Ensure your children are tested at their 1 and 2 year old doctor's appointments.** 

### Did you know?

There is no safe amount of lead in your body.

### **Action Plan**

Exposure to lead is entirely preventable!

- Lead exposure can occur among people who live in homes built before 1978. For more information on lead in homes, click here or scan this QR code.
- Lead in **soil** can be a serious health hazard, especially for young children and pregnant women. Learn to reduce your exposure



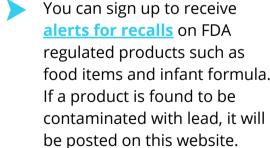
Certain food items like spices and cosmetics that are imported from other countries may have lead. <u>View the CDC list</u> of common contaminated items.



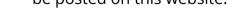
Plan ahead by finding an Eco-Healthy Childcare Certified daycare center. Certified centers have to be lead safe. Find a provider near you.



Lead may be found in the paint, metal, and plastic parts of some toys and toy jewelry. Check the <u>CSPC website</u> for potential toy recalls. Be cautious of letting your child play with or chew on toys that may contain lead such as:



Toys that have been passed down



Antique toys and collectibles

For more resources, visit prcceh.upenn.edu

Toys imported from other countries



• Toys from discount stores









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### **Your Lead Safe Checklist**

Check to ensure there are no lead risks in your home. <u>Click here</u> or scan:	
Regularly wash children's toys and hands.	
Wear gloves and wash your hands when working with soil. Don't allow children to play in bare soil.	
Ensure your child's daycare center is certified as lead safe by using agencies that are <a href="Eco-Healthy Childcare certified"><u>Eco-Healthy Childcare certified</u></a>	
Spices, candies and traditional medicines sourced from other countries mathematically to tell if an item has lead in it is through laboratory testing. It consuming or using these products.	•
For more tips on living safely with lead, view Clean Water Action's pamphlet on 7 simple things you can do today to avoid lead exposure.	
If your child <b>tests positive for lead</b> , follow the steps outlined on the <b>Lead Free Promise Project's website</b> :	(MANGERS STEEL)

If you or your child answer YES to any of these questions, you should talk to your healthcare provider about lead.

- Have you recently moved to the U.S. from a different country?
- Do you or someone in your home work with paint, ceramics, jewelry, stained glass, guns, or lead?
- Do you or someone in your home work in construction, renovation, cleaning of residential or commercial buildings, or recycling of metals or batteries?
- Have you ever eaten non-food items like paint chips, clay, soil or pottery?

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