



WEBSITES AND RESOURCES Lead Poisoning Prevention

LEAD

Lead is a highly toxic metal that may cause a range of health problems, especially in young children. When lead is swallowed or inhaled into the body, it can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs. Lead may also cause behavioral problems, learning disabilities, seizures and in extreme cases, death.

People can be exposed to lead through a variety of sources, including contaminated soil, food or water; imported toys, pottery or cosmetics; and paint used before 1978. Lower the chances of lead exposure by taking steps like wet cleaning and maintaining your home. Learn more at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-lead-your-home>

At low levels, symptoms of poisoning are often hard to detect, but may include loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue and abdominal discomfort. Long-term lead exposure can result in developmental delays, learning difficulties and behavioral issues, with permanent lifelong consequences.

In recent years, Oneida County has had one of the highest levels of childhood lead poisoning in New York State. Despite a state law requiring early childhood testing for lead exposure, a third of pre-school children in Herkimer and Oneida Counties have not had the required blood test. Although lead poisoning is preventable, lead continues to be a major cause of poisoning among children under age 6.

Adults can also get lead poisoning, especially through contact with lead in certain jobs or hobbies or when disturbing lead paint through renovation or remodeling activities. Lead can also be passed from mother to baby during pregnancy.

Sources of Lead in the Environment - <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/sources.htm>

The most common source of lead in the home is paint dust from friction surfaces like windows, doors, and molding. Lead can also be found in furniture, miniblinds, toys, ammunition, water and soil around the home, as well as, foreign products like makeup, pottery, spices & food.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) - <http://ocgov.net/oneida/envhealth/childlead> or (315) 798-5064

General information on lead testing recommendations, resources, and prevention for residents of Oneida County

Herkimer County Public Health - <http://herkimercounty.org/content/Departments/View/13> or (315) 867-1176

Referrals for lead screening, home visits for lead poisoned children, and education materials are available for residents of Herkimer County.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention (CLPPPP) - <http://cceoneida.com/lead> or (315) 736-3394 x 251

Provides resources within Cornhill and West Utica. CLPPPP also offers community presentations and training on lead-related issues to any organization or group in Oneida County.

NYS Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention - <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/>

The Department of Health has strong programs, plans and laws working to prevent childhood lead poisoning statewide.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) - <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>

CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is committed to the goals of eliminating high blood lead levels and differences in average risk based on race and social class as public health concerns.

National Center for Healthy Housing - <http://www.nchh.org/Home.aspx>

NCHH alerts families and those who serve them to hazards in the home environment, including lead poisoning

Environmental Protection Agency - <https://www.epa.gov/lead>

EPA protects human health and the environment, enforce federal regulations, and help companies understand compliance requirements.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/additional_resources.htm

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN & PREGNANT WOMEN

Pregnant Women - <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2593/>

If a woman has lead in their body, it can be passed to the baby during pregnancy. Even a small amount of lead in a baby can cause problems with growth, behavior, and your child's ability to learn:

Children Age 1 & 2

NYS Law requires that ALL children are tested for lead at age 1 and at age 2. A child's pediatrician or medical provider can order the lead test. The local Health Department can also provide a referral for a lead test.

Children under Age 6

In addition to the required tests, screening of children six months to six years old should be done, if a child is at risk.

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Provides residential lead testing and one-on-one home education visits in the City of Utica.

Lead Poisoned Children with a level above 15ug/dl - <http://ocgov.net/oneida/envhealth/childlead>

OCHD Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) looks inside and outside the home for possible sources of lead and can test the paint, dust, water and soil around the home. There is no charge for the testing.

LANDLORDS & TENANTS

Information for Landlords/Property Managers - <https://www.epa.gov/lead/real-estate-disclosure#propertyml>

Landlords must give prospective tenants of buildings built before 1978:

- An EPA-approved information pamphlet 'Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home' on identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards. <https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-lead-your-home>
- Disclose any known information concerning lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards pertaining to the building
- A lead disclosure attachment to the lease, or language inserted in the lease, that includes a "Lead Warning Statement" <https://www.epa.gov/lead/real-estate-disclosure>
- Confirm that you have complied with all notification requirements
- Ensure that U.S. EPA rules are followed by a contractor certified in lead-safe work practices

HOME & PROPERTY RENOVATIONS

Repair Renovate Paint (RRP) Certification / Classes - Mohawk Valley Community College Classes

https://cced-reg.mvcc.edu/CCEDStore/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_ID=7

Renovation Contractors & Risk Assessors - <https://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/pub/index.cfm?do=main.firmSearch>

Certified Lead Abatement Firms - <https://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/pub/index.cfm?do=main.firmSearchAbatement>

EARLY EDUCATION & DAYCARE PROVIDERS

Early Childhood Education and Training Program - https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn_catalog.shtm

Free online course for daycare providers - Keeping Children Safe: Prevention of Lead Poisoning and Dangers to Children

Lead Poisoning Prevention Curriculum for Preschool Children and their Families

<https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/exposure/childhood/leadc.htm>

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Curriculum for Preschool Children and Their Families was funded by the Erie County Department of Health through a New York State Department of Health-Public Health Campaign grant.

PRODUCT RECALLS

NYSDOH - Learn about products that are unsafe - <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/recalls/>

Consumer Safety Reports - Report an unsafe product - <http://www.saferproducts.gov/>

The Lead-Free MV coalition focuses on the reduction of lead hazards in Oneida & Herkimer Counties. The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties serves as the "backbone organization" for Lead-Free MV and coordinate efforts among partner organizations. Coalition members represent public health, local government, legal, insurance, healthcare, education, child care, construction and support services constituencies.

Contact the Lead-Free MV coalition: email info@leadfreemv.org or call John Monaghan at 315-731-3722.