



LEAD

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When it comes to children, there is no safe level for lead. Exposure to lead can interfere with healthy brain development and result in a lower IQ. For that reason, in 2004 New York City passed Local Law 1 to prevent childhood lead poisoning through the repair of lead paint hazards in housing and day care facilities. Yet, in 2009, more than 1,000 children in New York City were found to have high levels of lead in their blood.



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- 1.** Old paint contains lead. If your home has more than two square feet of lead paint, it is critical to call in professionals to make repairs.
- 2.** If you are a tenant with children under 6 years old and suspect there is lead in your home, you can file a complaint and request an inspection by calling 311.
- 3.** Make sure your doctor tests your child every year until the age of 6 to monitor lead exposure.
- 4.** Wash your children's hands and clean their toys often to remove dust and dirt that may contain lead.
- 5.** Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water can release lead from pipes. Run water for 30 seconds to flush lead from pipes. Get a free water-testing kit to detect lead by calling 311.
- 6.** Vinyl lunchboxes may contain lead, so use only lead-free lunch boxes.