

LEAD IN PAINT

**AN
INVISIBLE
POISON!**

Lead poisoning is the cause of many illnesses.

Paint can contain lead and is a major cause of lead poisoning in many children and adults.

This picture shows the many ways we are exposed to lead in paint in our daily lives. Use the information on this poster to protect yourself and your family from lead poisoning.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF LEAD POISONING:

- Learning difficulties at school
- Hyperactivity, inability to concentrate.
- Hearing problems
- Anemia (weak and pale)
- Damage to organs

The signs of lead poisoning are not always visible.

IF YOU THINK YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO LEAD ASK A DOCTOR OR NURSE FOR A "BLOOD LEAD" TEST.



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