Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

Lead can be found throughout a child's environment















Lead can be found in lead mining waste like dirt, dust, and rocks in the yard.



Certain water pipes and private water wells may contain lead.



The dirt and dust can be tracked inside. Children can be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.



Lead can be found in some products like toys and toy jewelry.



Homes built before 1978 (when lead-based paints were banned) probably contain lead-based paint.



Lead is sometimes in candies imported from other countries and some traditional home remedies.



When lead paint peels and cracks, it makes lead dust. Children can be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.



Certain jobs and hobbies that use lead products-- like lead mining, making homemade ammunition, and making stained glass-- might bring lead into the home.