Is Your Home Poisoning Your Child?

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What is Lead Poisoning?

Lead is a very toxic metal used in many products and materials such as paint. Many homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. The paint could be on windows, doors, framing, baseboards, walls and outside of the house. When lead is absorbed into the body, it can cause serious damage to vital organs like the brain, kidneys, nerves and blood cells. Lead is especially harmful to young children.

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How can Lead Affect my Child?

Lead poisoning is much more serious in children younger than six years of age because their bodies are not fully developed. Lead poisoning can cause:

- brain, liver, and kidney damage
- slowed development
- learning or behavior problems
- lowered intellect (or IQ)
- hearing loss
- hyperactivity

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How Can I Protect my Child?

Have your child and home tested for lead. Find out when your house was built. The HCPH Lead Hazard Control Program offers **FREE** lead poisoning prevention services for income eligible applicants. Program services include:

- testing for lead in homes and children
- process of lead removal in homes
- moving expenses
- temporary relocation while work is done

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How Do I Apply?

To apply for the HCPH Lead Hazard Control Program, please call:

(713) 274-6374

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