

SOURCES OF LEAD



PAINT CHIPS/DUST

- Homes and child care facilities built before 1978 may have lead-based paint. Peeling, cracking, and chipping paint can create lead dust.
- Lead-based paint may also be found on antique toys, paint on play equipment, etc.



CERTAIN SPICES, COSMETICS, AND TRADITIONAL HOME REMEDIES

- Items imported from outside of the U.S. may be contaminated with lead, including home remedies and cosmetics such as Greta, Azarcon, Ghasard, Ba-baw-san, Surma, Sindoor, and Kohl.



CONTAMINATED SOIL

- Bare soil around the perimeter of a home built before 1978 may be contaminated with lead-based paint dust.
- Soil may be contaminated if you live near an airport from small aircraft fuel or busy roadway from formerly used leaded fuel.
- Soil may be contaminated if your home is near a former smelter site.



DRINKING WATER

- Leaded pipes, faucets, solder, and plumbing fixtures can contaminate water with lead.



HOBBY AND/OR OCCUPATION

- Hobbies or occupations such as antique furniture refinishing, car restoration or repair, construction and remodeling, use of firearms, fishing, manufacturing, mechanics, painting, and welding all may involve lead.



VINTAGE & IMPORTED ITEMS

- Pottery, ceramics, lead crystal, pewter or aluminum cookware (especially pressure cookers) from other countries that you use for cooking, storing, or serving food or drink. Imported and vintage dishes, plates, cups, etc.
- Toys, metal jewelry and antique furniture.

