



Lead Poisoning

What is Lead Poisoning?

Lead is a highly toxic substance that may enter the body by inhalation or ingestion of lead particles. The primary cause of lead poisoning is tiny particles of lead dust from deteriorated paint or from painted surfaces disturbed during remodeling, repair or renovation.

Lead poisoning is a disease that occurs when too much lead builds up in the body. The body can eliminate some lead, but if there is continued lead exposure, the body absorbs and stores more lead than it can eliminate.

Once in the body, lead does not affect the lungs- instead it enters the bloodstream and is deposited in different parts of the body (i.e. bones, blood, and soft tissue).

Where is it found?

- Lead-based paint produced before 1978
- Doors and windows
- Water from old plumbing fixtures with lead soldering
- Floor tiles and other textiles

What are some symptoms of Lead Poisoning?

- Low appetite and energy
- Headaches
- Excessive tiredness
- Metallic taste in the mouth
- Reproductive difficulties
- Weak wrists or ankles
- Memory lapse
- Constipation
- Weight loss

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