RIGHT NOW, THERE’S A CHILD IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY BEING POISONED BY LEAD. HERE’S WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.

Women for a Healthy Environment
Lead-Safe Allegheny
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LEAD POISONING HAS DEVASTATING, LASTING EFFECTS. IT IS ALSO PREVENTABLE.
Exposure to lead is happening all across Allegheny County. It’s in our homes, our soil, our water and our air.

LEAD IS A TOXIN.

**YOUNG CHILDREN**
are most vulnerable, as their nervous systems are still developing and they absorb 4 -5 times more lead than adults, which can cause:

- Intellectual problems
- Behavioral issues
- Inability to perform at school

**PREGNANT WOMEN**
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- damage to organs;
- lead can harm their developing fetus

**ADULTS**
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- Heart disease
- Stroke

The cumulative effects of a lifetime of lead exposure

FROM EDUCATION TO LEGISLATION, YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY.

1. Include lead safety and lead exposure prevention on your community’s website.
   You can find handy content that we can help you adapt for your site: [GetTheLeadOutPgh.org](http://GetTheLeadOutPgh.org).

2. Host a workshop or info session in your community, in person or virtually.
   We’re happy to bring experts in lead safety to your municipality.

3. Enact lead-safe policies, including lead-safe rental housing, lead-safe renovations, repairs and painting, lead-safe demolitions and lead-safe water.

4. Join Lead-Safe Allegheny, the coalition of community and government partners working to make our community lead safe for everyone.

5. Turn to our team for technical support and resources. Let us help you identify key areas for support and even funding opportunities.

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LEAD IS HIDDEN THROUGHOUT ALLEGHENY COUNTY:

HOMES
Look for cracking, peeling or chipping paint, especially around windows, stills and doorways. Painting these surface can prevent lead exposure.

SOIL
Bare soil can contain lead, especially near a house where exterior paint is wearing. Cover soil with plantings or mulch to make it lead-safe.

WATER
Get water tested and use an NSF-certified water filter.

DEMOLITIONS
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RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS AND PAINTING
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