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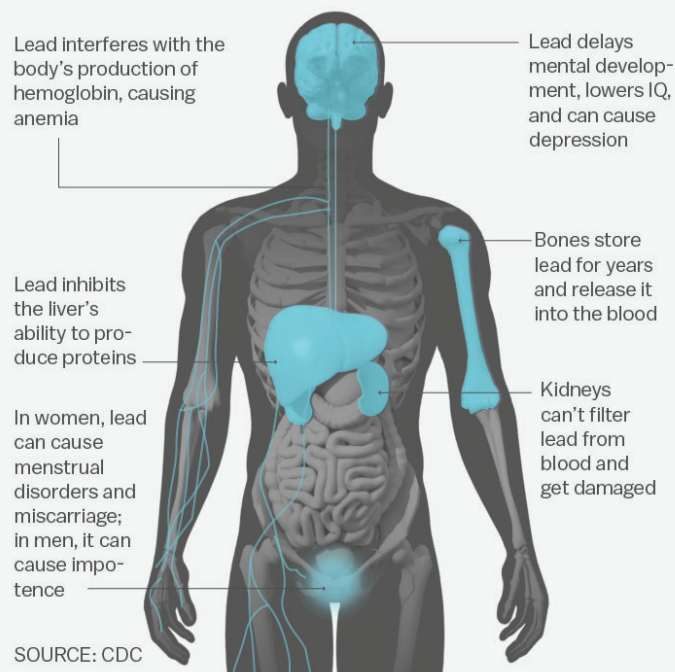
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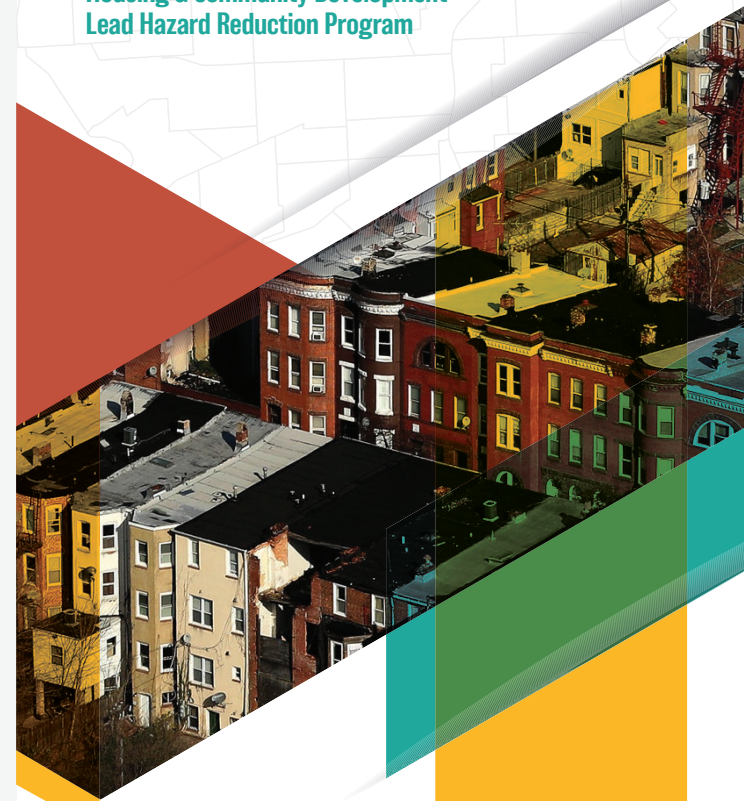
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# B-MORE LEAD SAFE

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## What is lead?

Lead is a heavy metal that was used to construct buildings and to make household paints prior to 1978. Although its use was banned, lead still remains a hazard in many places. When something with lead in it starts to deteriorate, it becomes dust. Lead dust is poisonous if you breathe or eat it.



## What is LHRP?

The Lead Hazard Reduction Program (LHRP) receives funding from Federal, State, and Baltimore City agencies. The focus of the program is to reduce lead hazards through cost-effective and sustainable interventions such as:

- Window Replacement
- Door Replacement
- Wall Stabilization
- Minimal Structural Repairs

LHRP identifies existing lead hazards and works with eligible applicants to determine how best to make the home safe for the family. Services provided include: education, lead risk-reduction, temporary relocation, and referrals to other programs.

## Where is lead found?

Lead can be found on painted surfaces inside and outside of the home such as:

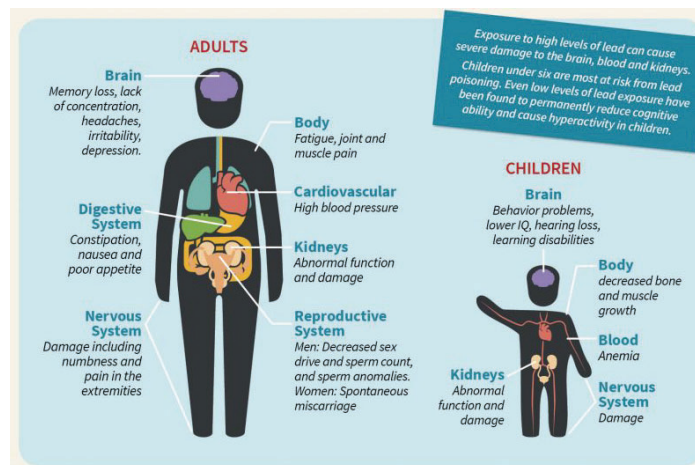
- Window sills
- Window frames
- Door frames
- Floors
- Railing
- Steps

Lead can also be found in:

- Vinyl blinds
- Waterpipes
- Jewelry
- Toys
- Batteries
- Cosmetics
- Ceramics (pottery)
- Carpet
- Soil

## Who is most at risk?

- Children under 6 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Developing fetuses



## The effects of lead poisoning:

Lead poisoning can cause:

- Learning disabilities
- Memory loss
- Hearing impairment
- Stunted growth
- Hyperactivity
- Hypertension
- Kidney damage
- Seizures



## To prevent and control lead poisoning:

- Make sure children ages 1-5 get blood-lead tested
- Have homes built before 1978 get tested by a licensed lead inspector
- Keep the home free of chipping and peeling paint
- Keep the floor, windowsills, and window wells clean
- Frequently wash your hands
- Regularly wash pacifiers and toys that children often put in their mouths
- Eat foods rich with iron and calcium
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula