

National Public Health Week . . .

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Safety is NO Accident: Live Injury Free

Lead-Safe WI is possible . . .



To keep a child lead-safe:

- Look for chipping and peeling paint in homes built before 1978 (when lead was removed from household paint)
- Keep windows, floors and porches clean and dust-free
- Make sure your child does not chew on painted or varnished surfaces, e.g., toys or window sills
- Hire a certified lead-safe renovator to replace old windows
- Get children under 6 tested for lead
- Feed the child healthy foods

In Wisconsin:

- More than 46,000 children under 6 have been found to be lead poisoned since 1996 (an average of 5 per day)
- Every county has lead-poisoned children
- Ranks in the top ten states for the number of lead poisoned children
- 90% of lead-poisoned children reside in homes built before 1950
- More than 400,000 homes built before 1950 have lead hazards

The lifelong effects of lead include:

- Learning disabilities
- Poor school performance
- High school dropout
- Juvenile delinquency
- Criminal activity

Source: The Legacy of Lead: Report on Childhood Lead Poisoning in Wisconsin 2008
www.dhs.wi.gov/lead/LegacyofLead/index.htm

WI believes **Healthy Homes = Injury-Free Homes**

For more information:

**Lead-Safe Wisconsin www.dhs.wi.gov/lead
Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead
Lead-Free Kids www.leadfreekids.org**

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