

# Learn to be Lead Free

## Chester County Health Department

Symptoms of lead poisoning in children can include irritable mood, developmental delays, behavioral difficulties, fatigue, and digestive problems. However, most children do not exhibit symptoms until lead levels are dangerously high. Children are often exposed to lead in their own home through dust, paint and soil.

- **A major risk factor for lead exposure is buildings built before 1978.**
- **In Chester County, 61% of homes were built before 1979.**
- **Chester County has the second-lowest lead screening rate in Pennsylvania.**

### The Health Department is now offering:

- **FREE** - Lead screening for young children and pregnant women.
- **FREE** - Lead poisoning prevention programs for parent groups, service providers, childcare providers, education centers and the general public.
- **FREE** - Do-it-yourself lead check kits to test for lead in your home.

### Learn how to:

- identify potential lead hazards
- identify symptoms and effects of lead exposure
- prevent lead poisoning
- get lead check kits for your home



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