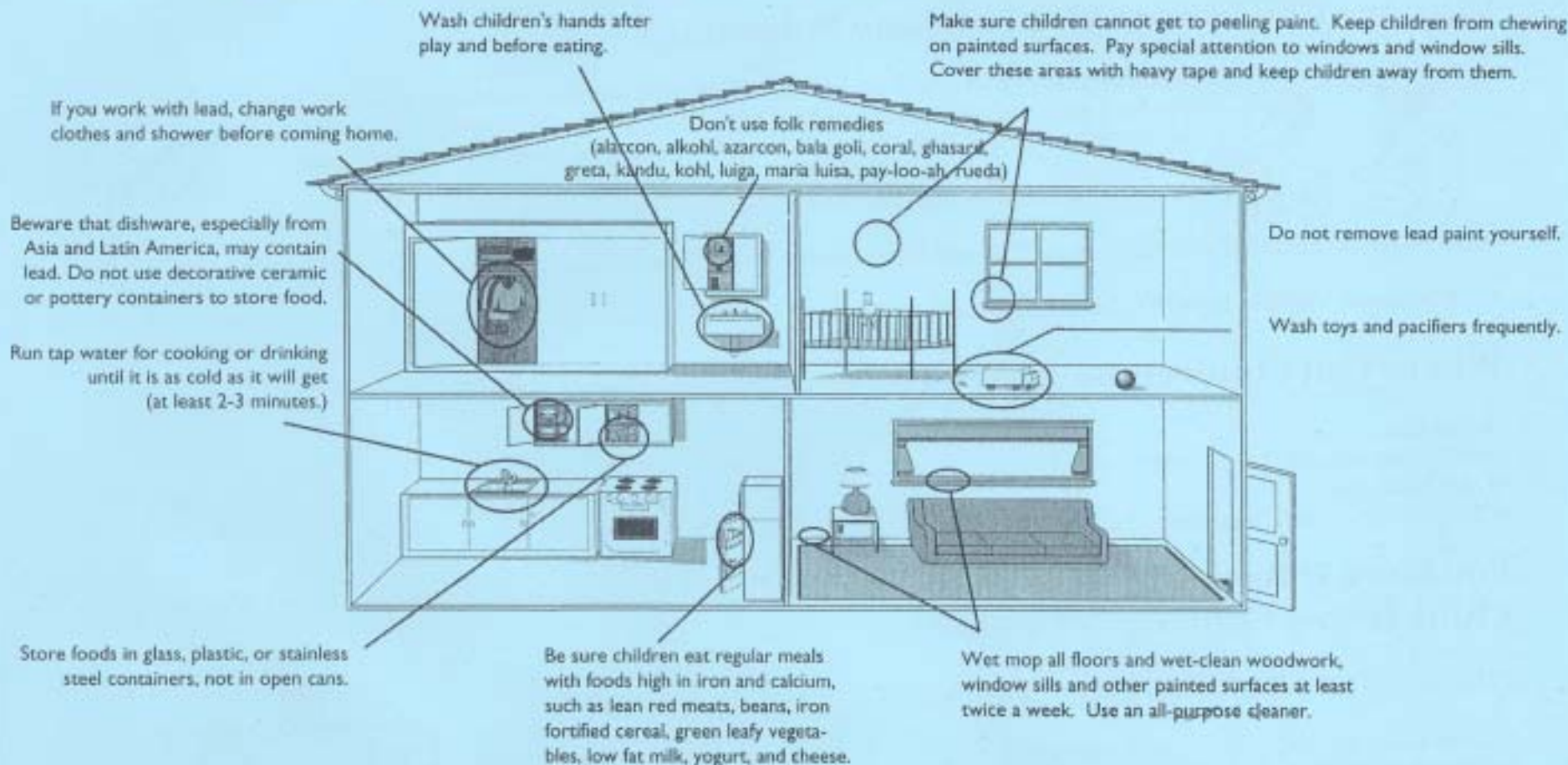


LEAD POISONING ALERT

Small children are in danger of lead poisoning especially if they live in or visit older homes where lead paint was used. Lead paint and lead paint dust cause most cases of lead poisoning, but there are other sources of lead in the home that can hurt children. Follow the tips below to help protect children from lead poisoning.



Get children tested for lead poisoning, **even if they seem healthy**. Check with your doctor or health center about testing. Testing is recommended for all children at about **9 months to 12 months of age** and, if possible, again at about **24 months of age**.

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Why Are Children At Risk For Lead Poisoning?



Children under 6 years of age are the **MAIN** victims of lead poisoning, especially those between 1 and 3 years old. Children have more “hand-to-mouth” activity than adults. They also **absorb** more lead than adults because their bodies and brains are still developing.

A pregnant woman can pass lead through her blood to her unborn baby!

There are about **3 MILLION** children in the U.S. with dangerously high levels of lead in their bodies!

Most “poisoned” children have **NO** visible symptoms!!



Where Can Children Be Tested For Lead Poisoning?

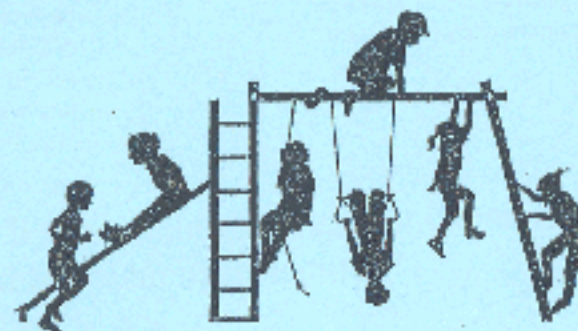
- Pediatrician
- Family Doctor/Health Care Provider
- Local health clinic
- Chester County Health Department

For More Information About Childhood Lead Poisoning and Getting Your Child Tested Contact:

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Personal Health Services	610-344-6252
Environmental Health Services	610-344-6238
Public Health Education	610-344-6490

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