

Playing with Lead?

Children's toys jewelry and other items are coming into the US daily containing unsafe levels of Lead. Over 10 million items have been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission due to unsafe levels of Lead—1.22 million in August.



Lead is toxic and can be deadly

Lead if ingested by children is toxic and can cause adverse health effects and even death. Most commonly Lead is linked to:

- ▶ reduced IQ
- ▶ learning disabilities
- ▶ attention deficit disorders
- ▶ behavioral problems
- ▶ impaired hearing
- ▶ kidney damage

Go to www.cdc.gov/lead to learn more about the dangers of Lead in your home.

This July and August about 2,520,000 Popular Fisher Price toys and Thomas the Tank Engine toys were recalled and pulled from retailers shelves due to unsafe levels of Lead.

Protect your Children

1. Determine if your child is playing with Lead recalled toys.

- ▶ Go to www.cpsc.gov and click on Recalls and Product Safety News.
- ▶ Shown on this page are only a few of the most recent recalls.
- ▶ Are your kids playing with these toys at home, daycare, church, or elsewhere?

2. Learn how to test products in your home for Lead.

- ▶ Lead test kits are available at most hardware and paint stores and work best for detecting lead paint. However they can also be used to test for Lead contained in metal and plastic. Follow manufacturers instruction for testing.
- ▶ Lead test kits are also on-line at www.leadcheck.com, where you can also learn more about the dangers of Lead and other places you may find Lead in your Home.

3. Properly Dispose of Lead containing material.

- ▶ Bring Lead recalled items to the **HHW facility**, see page 4 for hours and location
- ▶ Return to the manufacturer.
- ▶ Take back to the retail store you purchased for a possible refund.
- ▶ Call for more information: 651-430-6655.

