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Paint

Homes or apartments built before 1978 may have lead paint. Chipping or peeling paint is a hazard. Never sand, dry scrape, power wash or sandblast paint unless it has been tested and does not have lead in it.

Imported Candy

Some candy made in other countries with chili, tamarind or salt can have lead. Eating these candies can increase your child's risk for lead poisoning. Limit the amount of candies your child eats and encourage healthy snacks instead.

Imported Toys

Toys made in other countries may have lead paint. Discourage children from chewing on toys with painted surfaces.

Lead Contaminated Dust

Lead dust can be created when paint peels, crumbles or when paint surfaces are sanded or repaired. Keep your home clean and dust free. Wet mop floors, wet wipe window sills, vacuum and wash all surfaces often.

Traditional Remedies & Cosmetics

Some imported folk/traditional remedies or cosmetics (Greta, Azarcon, Ayurvedic, Surma, Kohl, etc.) can have high levels of lead. Stop using these at once!

Take Home Exposure

In jobs such as construction, painting, plumbing, welding and radiator repair you can take lead home with you. Wash up thoroughly and change your clothes and/or shoes to prevent taking lead home with you.

Bare Soil

Lead from paint chips/dust or gasoline could have fallen into the dirt around your home. Do not let children play with or eat bare soil.

Imported Jewelry

Children's or fantasy jewelry can be made with lead metal or decorated with lead paint. Keep children from placing any jewelry in their mouth.

Imported Pottery

Many imported ceramic dishes or pots are decorated with lead paint or glaze. Food or drink can be contaminated with lead if you use these ceramic dishes/pots for cooking, serving or storage.

For the latest lead-related product recalls, please visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission online
www.cpsc.gov
or call the Orange County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (714) 834-1234.

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