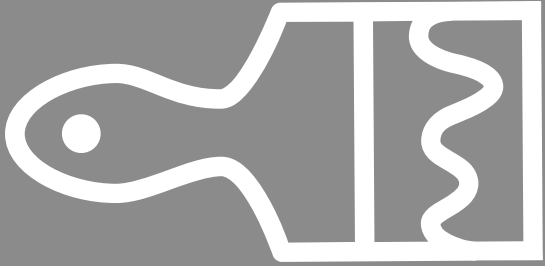




LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

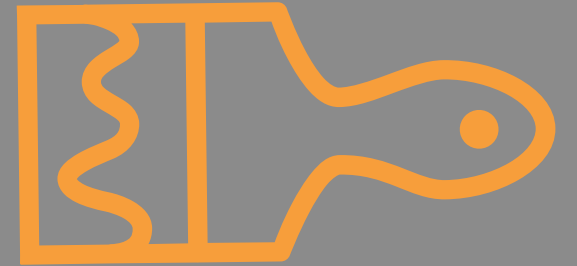
The main sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust in buildings constructed before 1978.



75% Illinois homes built before 1978 contain some lead-based paint

Illinois children with an elevated blood lead level

2,500



HEALTH EFFECTS

Damage to brain and nervous system



Hearing and speech problems

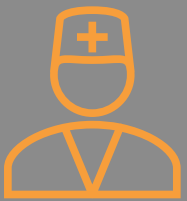
Slowed growth and development



Learning and behavior problems



LEAD POISONING IS 100% PREVENTABLE



Ask your doctor to test your child if you are concerned about his or her exposure.



Have your home tested if it was built before 1978



Avoid using folk remedies and makeup if they contain lead



PREVENTION



Damp-mop floors, damp-wipe surfaces, and frequently wash your child's hands, pacifiers, and toys

Use cold tap water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula, as hot water is more likely to have a higher lead level