

Lead Update 2022

Important Information for Health Care Providers to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning



UPDATED BLOOD LEAD REFERENCE VALUE

In October 2021, CDC updated the blood lead reference value (BLRV) from 5 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL) to **3.5 (mcg/dL)**. Healthcare providers are encouraged to provide retesting and follow-up for blood lead levels ≥ 3.5 mcg/dL.

California Health Care Provider Mandates




Under California state laws and regulations, all health care providers are required at each periodic assessment to:

- **From 6 months to 6 years, inform all parents and guardians about:**
 - The risk & effects of childhood lead exposure.
 - That children enrolled in Medi-Cal receive blood lead tests.
 - That children not enrolled in Medi-Cal who are at high risk of lead exposure receive blood lead tests.
- **At both 12 & 24 months of age:**
 - Screen all children in publicly supported programs for low-income children.
 - Assess all children not in a publicly supported program for low-income children by asking: "Does your child live in, or spend a lot of time in, a place built before 1978 that has peeling or chipped paint or that has been recently remodeled?"
 - Obtain blood lead test if the answer is "yes" or "don't know"

Have Any Questions on Lead Poisoning?

Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Line

619-692-8487

-  **Report blood lead levels**
-  **Request resources**
-  **Ask questions**

Receive a call back from a Public Health Nurse and/or Health Education Specialist. Voicemails are checked during regular business hours and returned within 1- business day.

Tips for parents to protect their children from lead exposure

1. **Get a blood test**
2. **Check the child's home for lead – most are exposed to lead by chipped or peeling paint in homes built before 1978**
3. **Give your child healthy foods— healthy foods with calcium, iron and vitamin C may help keep lead out of the body**
4. **Regularly wet-mop floors and windowsills**
5. **Shower and change clothes and shoes after working around lead-based products**
6. **Avoid certain children's products and household items that may contain lead**



There's Lead In That?!

Lead Recalls & Warnings; October 2020-July 2022



July 28, 2022 | nuk-usa.com

Name of Product: NUK First Choice 240mL Glass Baby Bottles
Hazard: The markings on the outside of bottles contain levels of lead that exceeds the federal lead content ban.



June 16, 2022 | cpsc.gov

Name of Product: Children's Desks and Chairs
Hazard: Surface paint on the desks and chairs contains levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint ban, posing a lead poisoning hazard.



June 9, 2022 | junglejumperoo.com

Name of Product: Jungle Jumperoo Children's Toys
Hazard: The toys' yellow poles contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban.



June 2, 2022 | communicorp.com

Name of Product: 6" Aflac Plush Promotional Ducks
Hazard: Components of the promotional fishing duck contains a level of lead that exceeds the federal lead content standard.



March 2, 2022 | aldi.us

Name of Product: ALDI Bee Happy 12 Days of Craft Advent Calendars
Hazard: Surface paint on the brown bell found in "Day 10" of the advent calendar contains levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint ban.



February 24, 2022 | kellywinne.com

Name of Product: Mama & Me MINI Children's Handbags
Hazard: The metal zipper slider, zipper O-ring, d-ring, rivet and stud of the children's handbags contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban.



February 9, 2022 | stackemupbooks.com

Name of Product: Adam the Apple™ Children's Stackable Toys
Hazard: Surface paint on the wooden toys contains levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint ban.



January 6, 2022 | colonybrands.com

Name of Product: Covered Wood Wagons
Hazard: Paint on the wood wagons, the plastic handles, the red plastic cover contain levels of lead. That exceed the maximums allowed.



January 5, 2022 | cpsc.gov

Name of Product: Native Creation Small Wool Sweatshirts
Hazard: Paint on the zipper pull contains levels of lead that exceed the maximums allowed.



October 28, 2021 | dwr.com

Name of Product: Arc Collection Furniture
Hazard: Surface paint on the furniture contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint ban, posing a risk of lead poisoning.



February 17, 2021 | ankerpp.com

Name of Product: 10-in-1 Incredible Inventions Science Kits
Hazard: Paint on the red and blue magnet contains levels of lead.



October 28, 2020 | potterworldtrade.com

Name of Product: Ron Jon Surf Shop Sippy Cup
Hazard: The plastic characters on the recalled Sippy Cup contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban and contain levels of a regulated phthalate that exceed the prohibition of specific phthalates.