



## RECALL NOTIFICATIONS

The [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\)](#) recalls products such as toys and furniture with unsafe levels of lead.

The [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) posts recalls, market withdrawals, and safety alerts for products such as foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics when there is a potential for lead contamination.



**FDA** **U.S. FOOD & DRUG**  
ADMINISTRATION

Lead exposure can lead to cognitive and behavioral problems, especially for children under 6 years old. Consumers should immediately discontinue use of the recalled product and, when applicable, contact the manufacturer for a refund.

### Lil Anglers' Children's Fishing Rods



On April 20, Lil Anglers LLC recalled their [Children's Fishing Rods sold with Kid Casters No Tangle Combos](#). The ceramic guide at the tip of the fishing rods contains lead levels that exceed the federal limits. These kits were sold online through Amazon and Profishieny.com, and at Academy Sports and Outdoors, Bass Pro

### Del Maguey 'Copitas' Ceramicware Cups



On May 1, Del Maguey Co. recalled their [promotional ceramicware cups called copitas](#) because they may exceed the FDA guidance levels for leachable lead. The copitas were freely distributed to consumers at retail locations, events, and

Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods, and other specialty sporting goods stores in the United States and Canada from January 2021 through March 2023.

tastings across the United States. The Copitas were also included in Del Maguey value-added packs sold by retail stores since October 2022.

### Culturefly L.O.L Surprise! Trick or Treat Boxes with Metal Doll Pin



On May 4, Culturefly LLC recalled their [L.O.L. Surprise! Trick or Treat subscription boxes sold with Metal Doll Pins](#). The paint on the metal doll pins contains levels of lead that exceed the federal limits. The surprise boxes were sold through thelolsurprisebox.com and Amazon from October 2021 through December 2021.

### Bunch Bikes Preschool Electric Bicycles



On May 25, Bunch Bikes recalled their [Preschool Electric Cargo Bicycles](#), a front-loading electric cargo tricycle. The paint on the electric bikes contains levels of lead that exceed the federal limits. These bicycles were sold online at [www.bunchbike.com](http://www.bunchbike.com) from April 2020 through December 2022.

[View more recalls](#)

## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



## An Interview with Leann McAllister from the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Leann McAllister, MBA  
Executive Director  
The Nevada Chapter of the  
American Academy of  
Pediatrics (Nevada AAP)

### Nevada Chapter

OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

We at the NvCLPPP are grateful to have numerous partnerships to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning and provide care and support to children who have been exposed to lead. In this issue, we would like to highlight Leann McAllister, Executive Director of the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Nevada AAP).

**NvCLPPP: How did you become involved with the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Nevada AAP)?**

**Leann McAllister:** In my home state of Massachusetts, I ran my husband's pediatric practice for 10 years. When we moved to live near family in Las Vegas in 2018, I learned about the job opening at the Nevada AAP and was thrilled to get the position of Executive Director! I've been a fan of the American Academy of Pediatrics and their dedication to the health of all children for over 20 years: first as a supportive doctor's spouse, then as a practice manager, and now as one of 67 chapter executive directors throughout the U.S. and Canada.

**NvCLPPP: As an executive director of the Nevada AAP, what sorts of things do you do to promote the health of all children in Nevada?**

**Leann McAllister:** My favorite part of the job is supporting the pediatricians who advocate for kids through our programming. Over 90 years ago, the American Academy of Pediatrics was founded on a passion for advocacy starting with the founding doctors' support of the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Protection Act in 1921. This tradition carries on here in Nevada with my members advocating for things like gun violence prevention policies, increasing access to preventive care for all Nevada kids, and addressing the climate crisis and its impact on children.

**NvCLPPP: How has Nevada AAP supported efforts to increase blood lead testing and promote lead-free environments for children in Nevada?**

**Leann McAllister:** A priority for the Nevada AAP is getting all children in for recommended preventative care, which includes [AAP recommended lead risk assessments](#) at the following well-child visits: 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, and at 3, 4, 5 and 6 years of age. Additionally, [studies have shown that the current climate crisis is increasing the risk of lead poisoning](#). The Nevada AAP has partnered with the [Nevada Clinicians for](#)



[Climate Action](#) to address the climate crisis and its impact on health in our state.

**NvCLPPP: Nevada has one of the lowest lead testing rates in the nation. What do you think can be done to increase this number?**

**Leann McAllister:** Universal access to Medicaid for all children in the state would go a long way in giving Nevada's kids access to preventative healthcare including recommended lead testing. Additionally, we are lucky in Nevada to have the medical school in Reno and their Complex Pediatrics ECHO program. Doctors throughout our state have access to free and virtual continuing medical education to ensure they understand things like the AAP lead screening recommendations and how to utilize them in clinic.


**NvCLPPP: What message would you like to share with families about lead testing their children?**

**Leann McAllister:** Families are encouraged to talk with their child's doctor about lead testing. Additionally, I recommend that parents utilize [Healthychildren.org](#) to read pediatrician-approved [steps to protect your family lead exposure](#) (information also [available in Spanish](#)).

**NvCLPPP: What message would you like to share with pediatricians regarding lead testing in Nevada?**

**Leann McAllister:** Pediatricians should be familiar with the AAP Policy Statement: [Prevention of Childhood Lead Toxicity](#) as well as its [recommendations for providers](#). Additionally, Nevada AAP chapter members are welcome to bring up questions or concerns about the policy at our [quarterly virtual member meetings](#).

## LEAD IN NEVADA



### NDEP Offers Free Residential Soil Testing for Carson River Homeowners

Testing to begin  
later this year (2023)

The Carson River basin was designated as a Superfund site due to historic mining activities in the area. The site consists of five communities in Northwestern Nevada: Carson City, Virginia City, Dayton, Washoe Valley, and Pleasant Valley. Over time, metals such as



mercury, arsenic, and lead may have spread to areas currently used for single-family housing. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) received funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to offer free soil testing for homeowners within the Carson River Superfund Site.

The soil sampling program is free to qualifying households in the Carson River community, including Storey County, Lyon County, and Carson City. Information about metal levels found in the yard will be provided to participating residents to inform them about potential health risks. If the levels exceed the public health standards, NDEP and EPA will work with homeowners to discuss options for cleanup.

Testing is expected to begin later this year and homes will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority going to homes with children and/or a higher exposure risk to any of the metals. Tenants or renters must work with the property owner to apply for the soil testing program.

If you are interested in participating in the soil testing program, contact NDEP:

- Call (775) 687-9368
- Email [CRMS@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:CRMS@ndep.nv.gov) with your first and last name, address, contact information, and ages of children in your home.

For more information about the Carson River Mercury Superfund Site, visit the [EPA Story map](#) or visit the [NDEP website](#).

## IN THE NEWS

### New Online Resource

### Heavy Metals in Cultural Products



**\*New Resource Available\*** - In April, the EPA published [Heavy Metals in Cultural Products](#), a free online resource hub offering an easy and convenient way to locate educational and outreach materials on cultural and religious products (such as cosmetics, religious powders,

and spices) that may contain heavy metals. Materials are available in several languages such as:

- Arabic
- Korean
- Nepali
- Tagalog
- Tigrinya
- Yemini

This resource is part of EPA's [2022 Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities](#).

Check out the  
resource



**Lead Aviation Fuel in the Legislature** - Although the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) phased out the use of leaded gasoline as a motor vehicle fuel by 1973, leaded gasoline is still in use in piston engine aircrafts. The State of Washington is currently considering House Bill 1554, "Reducing public health and environmental impacts from lead."

If the bill passes in WA, the legislature will begin taking steps to mitigate health concerns for those living near airports where leaded gasoline is used and to encourage the federal aviation administration to speed up the transition to unleaded fuel. Actions may include:

- Requiring general aviation WA airports to have a risk reduction plan
- Updates to the WA Department of Health's blood lead testing guidance to include children who live near airports as a high-risk population recommended for a lead test
- Conducting outreach and education for healthcare providers, airport operators, and pilots of piston-engine aircraft on lead emissions and more

The bill passed on to the House floor on March 6, 2023. It is expected to advance to the



Senate for further consideration.

[Follow the bill's  
status](#)



## **EPA Proposes to Reduce Childhood Exposure to Lead-Based Paint Dust**

Advancing President Joe Biden’s “whole-of-government approach” to protecting families from lead exposures, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposes to strengthen requirements for the removal of lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 buildings and child-care facilities. The proposal imposes stricter limits on the dust generated from lead paint to protect families and children from lead exposure. If the proposal is finalized, it is expected to reduce lead exposure among approximately up to 500,000 children under the age of six per year.

[Read more about the  
proposal](#)



# RISK FOR LEAD POISONING INCREASES DURING SUMMER MONTHS

During the summer season, the risk of lead poisoning increases as people take on more home improvement projects. If not done properly, renovations in areas with lead-based paint in the home can increase exposure to lead in the surrounding area. Lead dust can be released in the air, and it can also pile on windmills and in wind wells.

Lead poisoning is preventable! Here are some things you can do to protect your children from lead exposure this summer:

- Keep children away from areas being remodeled to prevent exposure to lead
- Keep windows closed if there are remodeling or construction projects in the area to prevent lead dust from moving throughout the house
- Clean floors with a wet mop and cleaning solution
- Wash children's toys regularly

If your home was built before 1978, be sure to work with a contractor who is certified to safely handle painted surfaces. You can find information about lead safety when work is being done in your home in [The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right](#).

[Get the  
Guide](#)

## LATEST RESEARCH



# NEW READ

## Lead Poisoning in Refugee Children Living in the United States: A Systematic Review of Case Studies



### Lead Poisoning in Refugee Children Living in the United States: A Systematic Review of Case Studies

Exposure to lead has been linked to adverse health implications, especially in children. Although efforts are made to reduce exposure to this heavy metal, refugee children who reside in the United States are disproportionately impacted by lead. This systematic review assessed 11 case studies covering 13 refugee children who were reported to have elevated blood lead levels, and took a close look at the identified contributing sources and factors to lead poisoning, which included:

- Deteriorating lead paint
- Imported cosmetics or medications
- Tobacco
- Traditional herbs/spices
- Jewelry
- Traditional or religious objects

[Read the  
research](#)

# NEW READ

## The CDC's Updated Blood Lead Reference Value and Community Implications in Pediatrics

**The CDC's Updated Blood Lead Reference Value and Community Implications in Pediatrics**  
The CDC uses the Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) to identify children with the highest levels of lead in their bloodstream. This article reviews the new BLRV and discusses the positive and negative impacts that may arise from this change.

[Read the research](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

### **ALL** Children Can Be Exposed to Lead



All children can be exposed to lead. The CDC's factsheet provides a [list of real-world examples](#). Visit the CDC website for an [accessible version of the factsheet](#).

## WHO WE ARE

The [Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program \(NvCLPPP\)](#) is dedicated to working with medical providers, community partners, and health districts across the state to increase the health and well-being of Nevada's children, especially as it relates to lead poisoning prevention.



NvCLPPP aims to:

- Increase blood lead testing in Nevada
- Strengthen childhood lead exposure surveillance
- Link children exposed to lead to services

**We need your help!** By learning and teaching others about the sources and effects of lead exposure, ways to decrease exposure, and the importance of lead testing, we can work together to ensure all children in Nevada have an equal opportunity to thrive.

Visit our website [nvclppp.org](http://nvclppp.org) to see valuable information for medical providers, community partners, and concerned parents.

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