

FIVE REASONS TO TEST FOR LEAD IN CHILDREN



Lead poisoning is completely preventable. However, only 3% of children in Nevada are tested for lead each year.

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Lead poisoning is a serious health risk.

It harms the brain, which can cause lifelong learning and behavior problems.

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Lead can be present in the home.

Although the use of lead-based paints was banned in 1978, it can still be present in older homes.

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Lead can be brought into the home.

Some jobs and hobbies may come into contact with lead that can come home on clothes, shoes, skin, or hair.

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Lead is in more than just paint.

It can be found in a variety of goods and products such as glazed ceramics, aluminum cookware, mini-blinds, toys, spices, cosmetics, and more.

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Most children with lead poisoning do not look or act sick.

The only way to know if a child was exposed to lead is with a capillary or venous blood lead test.

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