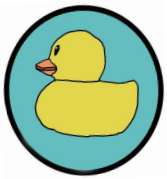
Did You Know Lead Can Be in Toys?

How Can Lead Get in Toys?

Lead can be used in **plastics**, **metals**, and **paints** to change toys colors and textures. Lead from toys can harm children's growing brains and bodies.



Toys More Likely to Contain Lead

Imported Toys

Toys made in some countries have been found to have higher rates of containing lead.

Antique & Vintage Toys

Toys made before 1978 are more likely to be made with lead containing materials.

Costume Jewelry

Lead can be found in children's jewelry to make it brighter and heavier.

What You Can Do!

- ★ Have your kids wash their hands with soap and water after playing.
- ★ Throw away toys when they are chipped or flaking.
- ★ Clean toys with soap and water often.
- ★ Go to cpsc.gov/recalls to see products recalled for lead.
- ★ Don't let kids play with antique and vintage toys.

If you think your child has been exposed in lead, talk to their doctor about getting a blood lead test.

Learn more about lead from the Washington State Department of Health!

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