

## Bucks County Has a New Program to Keep Your Children Lead-Safe

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The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program is completely free for qualified low-moderate income Bucks residents.

Homeowners, landlords, and tenants are all eligible to apply.

The program provides a free lead inspection and risk assessment of your home. If hazards are found, home improvements such as new windows, doors, siding, trim, interior & exterior painting, porch repair, and other home safety measures are provided for free.

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[www.buckscounty.org/buckslead](http://www.buckscounty.org/buckslead) to see if you qualify for this free program to give your child the chance of a lifetime.

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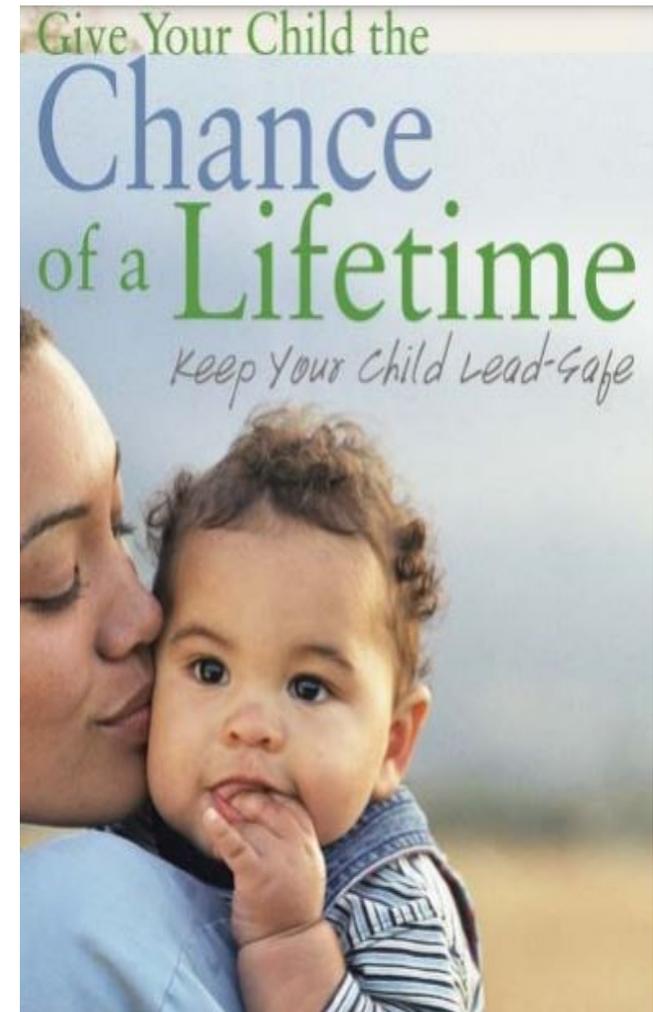


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Lead paint is an invisible danger. Here are some facts about lead paint poisoning that everyone should know:

- \* Lead paint is still present in millions of homes, sometimes under layers of newer paint.
- \* Lead paint poisoning affects millions of children with some level of irreversible damage, such as lower intelligence, learning disabilities and behavioral issues.
- \* It's not just lead paint chips that poison. Contamination can be caused by only a little bit of lead dust that is easily absorbed by anyone who inhales or ingests it.
- \* The damage caused by lead paint is permanent and can never be reversed.

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## Childhood lead poisoning is a major environmental health problem in the U.S

Children under the age of 6 are most at risk of becoming lead poisoned because of how quickly their brains are developing.

Where does lead poisoning come from?

- \* Before 1978, most paints used in houses and apartments, inside and out, contained lead.

People can get lead into their body if they:

- \* Put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths.
- \* Eat paint chips or soil that contain lead
- \* Breathe in lead dust

Children are more likely to be affected by lead dust because they are more likely to put their hands or other objects in their mouths.

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Even low levels of lead in children can cause:

- \* Speech, language, and behavior problems
- \* Brain damage
- \* Developmental delays
- \* Hearing Problems
- \* Anemia
- \* Nervous system and kidney damage
- \* Learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- \* Decreased muscle and bone growth
- \* Seizures
- \* Constipation, abdominal pain, vomiting
- \* Weight loss, loss of appetite

Elevated Blood Lead Levels are associated with delinquency and increased school drop-out rates.

In rare cases, ingestion of lead can cause seizures, coma and even death.

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