



LEAD-SAFE ROANOKE II

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LEAD POISONING

Lead is a highly toxic metal that was used for many years in products found in and around our homes. Lead may cause a range of health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities to seizures and death. Children under six years of age are most at risk. Research suggests that the primary sources of lead exposure for most children are from deteriorating lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil.



Protect Your Children from Lead Poisoning

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Special points of interest:

- * Lead paint and dust are the primary source of poisoning
- * Some toys can have lead in them
- * How to apply for the Lead-Safe II grant funds

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

The most common cause of lead poisoning in children is deteriorating (chipping and peeling) lead-based paint on the exterior and interior of residences where the child lives. The deteriorated lead-based paint becomes lead paint chips and lead-contaminated paint dust (which can be ingested by children during normal teething, hand-mouth behavior, or putting items in their mouths).

Inhaling and ingesting lead can be dangerous and even the smallest amount of lead is harmful to your child. Young children are at greater risk than adults as their bodies absorb the poison more quickly.

Some of the dangers of the lead poisoning include damage to the central nervous system, difficulty in learning, hearing loss and even Kidney damage. Children are at risk of lead poisoning at home, at school, at the play ground and even at the day care center. Some common sources of lead poisoning can come from toys, paint, water, food and even building materials used in the construction of your house.

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**Lead-Safe
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*The children of
Roanoke are our city's
greatest future
resources, and
protecting them from
lead-based paint
hazards remains a
priority need of our
community.*

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Children put toys in their mouths and could become poisoned from these seemingly innocent objects. Protect your child from this danger, pay close attention to toys and objects they put in their mouths. Lead may be present in old toys and some imported toys. For information on Consumer Product Safety contact the CPSC about recalls of toys that could potentially expose children to lead. <http://www.cpsc.gov> or call 1-800-638-2772.

Call your local health department about testing your water for lead contamination from old plumbing. You can not see taste or smell lead. Use only cold water for drinking and cooking. Boiling water will not get rid of lead.

Several preventive measures can be taken to ensure that your child is safe from lead poisoning. A well balanced diet including meals rich in calcium, vitamin C and Iron can help protect the body against lead absorption. Teach children to make a habit of washing their hands before eating snacks or meals. Make sure your child receives a blood-lead test at each pediatric check-up until age 6 and keep your home clean and free from dust.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM

The property must have been constructed prior to 1978.

You must have a child or children under age 6 years, living in or frequently visiting the home or apartment

All property owners/ tenants participating in the program must provide proof of ownership (if applicable) and all city/state taxes and mortgage payments MUST be current.

Household Size	Income Level
1	\$34,650
2	\$39,600
3	\$44,550
4	\$49,500
5	\$53,450
6	\$57,400
7	\$61,400
8	\$65,350

Home or rental unit income must be below the Roanoke Metropolitan Statistical Area median income.

APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS

The application process is very simple. Interested parties need to contact a Lead-Safe representative at 540-853-5682 or email us at www.roanokeva.gov/leadsafe and application along with information packet will be mailed to your home.

Contact us today! Your child deserves a Lead-Safe childhood.