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GET YOUR HOME CHECKED.

Have homes or buildings built before 1978 checked by a licensed lead inspector. Those who rent should ask their landlord to have their home checked. Visit the EPA's)\ web page (scan QR code below) to find a certified inspector or risk assessor.



HIRE TRAINED CONTRACTORS.

Hire contractors who are trained in lead-safe practices. Visit EPA's web page (scan QR code below) to find a certified contractor.



AVOID CERTAIN CHILDREN'S TOYS.

Some toys, especially imported toys, antique toys, and toy jewelry may contain lead. Visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) web page (scan QR code below) for currently recalled toys.



REGULARLY WET-MOP FLOORS & WINDOWSILLS.

Household dust can be a major source of lead in homes and buildings built before 1978.



PROTECT SOIL.

Cover bare soil with grass, mulch, or wood chips and prevent children from playing in bare soil that may be contaminated with lead.



LEAVE SHOES BY DOOR OR OUTSIDE.

This is especially important when someone works with lead or has a hobby involving lead, such as construction or shooting firearms.



SHOWER & CHANGE AFTER WORKING AROUND LEAD-BASED PRODUCTS.

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