

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

Dear Partners,

Childhood lead poisoning is completely preventable. Please be aware of lead sources and help educate parents and caregivers about the potential danger of these products.

Lead poisoning can affect nearly every system in the body. Because lead poisoning often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. Lead poisoning can cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and, at very high levels, seizures, coma, and even death. A blood lead test is the only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead.

Please help us educate others by doing the following:

- Share this alert with clients, family members and neighbors with young children.
- Provide a copy of this Lead Alert! to pediatricians and health care providers.
- Post pictures of recalled items at childcare centers or other places visited by families with young children.
- Urge parents to request a blood lead test for their child.
- Remember, consumer products are not the only sources of lead for children. Please also be aware of the sources described below.

#### Other Lead Sources

Other potential sources of lead include:

- Lead-based paint
- Lead contaminated household dust
- Lead contaminated soil
- "Take Home Lead": Lead dust carried home from hobbies or occupations that involve lead
- Imported consumer products such as pottery, mini-blinds or costume jewelry
- Non-western home remedies or folk remedies

For information on other sources of lead that may harm children please visit the Florida Department of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's Website:  
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/Lead/faq.htm>

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to protecting children from lead poisoning.

Sincerely,

Florida's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program