

It's 2008 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week!

Monday, October 20, 2008 is
Lead Poisoning Awareness Day!

Lead Poisoning
is
Preventable!



For Tips to Prevent Lead
Exposure Visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/faq/tips.htm>

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Tuesday, October 21, 2008 is
Blood Lead Screening Day!

Ask your child's pediatrician
to conduct a blood lead test!



A blood lead test is the only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead. Screening children for lead poisoning is very important. It allows for early identification and treatment, which can reduce the chance that an exposed child will suffer permanent nervous system damage.

*Medicaid eligible children are **required** to be tested at 12 and 24 months of age and between 36 and 72 months of age if they have not been previously tested.*



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Wednesday, October 22, 2008 is
Lead-Based Paint Awareness Day!

Renovate Right: Using Lead Safe Work Practices Protects Children!

Lead dust from old paint and contaminated soil in and around homes built before 1978 remains the primary exposure threat to children. In addition, lead-based paint may flake after being soaked by flood water. Using lead-safe work practices during renovation and repair activities is necessary when working on older homes with lead-based paint. Professionals should use lead-safe work practices too.



Parents can find out more by calling
1-800-424-LEAD [5323]

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Thursday, October 23, 2008 is
Consumer Item Awareness Day!

Be informed about hazardous consumer products!

Some toys, jewelry, spices, mini-blinds, home remedies, and imported candies have been found to contain lead. Parents and health care providers can sign up to receive e-mail alerts with up-to-date recall information by joining:

Florida's Lead Alert Network

www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/lead/The_Lead_Alert_Network.htm

To learn more...

Visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's web site:
<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/faq/FAQs.htm>

Read the recent FDA Alert about Ayurvedic Products:
<http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/ayurvedic101608.html>

