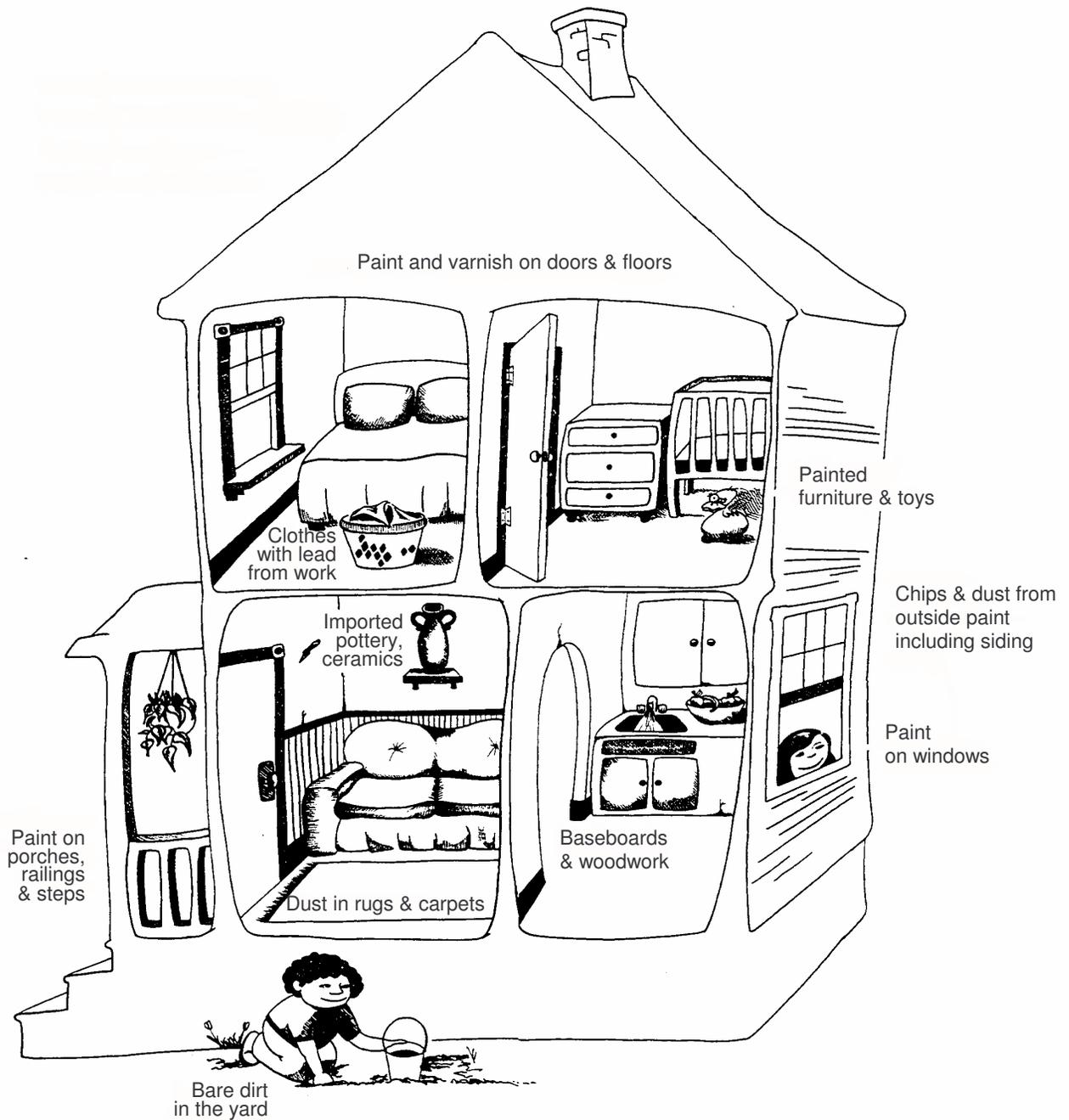


LOOK OUT FOR LEAD



The most common places to find lead inside are windows, stairs and woodwork. Lead is also common on kitchen and bathroom walls and ceilings. Outside walls, porches, columns, railings, windows and doors are often covered with lead paint.

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What Can I Do To Make My Home Lead-Safe?

Paint or varnish peeling, chipping or flaking?

- Mop floors to clean instead of sweeping.
- Carpets are good to cover painted wood floors.
- Wet scrape or wet sand to avoid creating dust: repaint surface with two coats of paint; encapsulant paint is the best.

Painted Furniture & toys have paint chipping, peeling or flaking off?

- Remove Furniture and toys from contact with your child.
- Repaint furniture after wet scraping or wet sanding to avoid creating dust.
- Wash children's hands often to keep lead out of their mouths.
- Look for teeth marks. If your child has chewed painted furniture or toys, have your child tested for lead.

Chips & Dust from outside paint?

- Wet scrape exterior to prevent paint chips falling onto the ground.
- Pick up any paint chips on the ground and throw them away.
- Do not power wash or sand blast outdoor painted surfaces.
- Cover bare soil with wood chips, grass or plants, especially where children play.
- Wash your children's hands often, especially before eating, at bedtime and before naps.
- Take shoes off and leave them at the door.

Paint on windows, including chipping, peeling or flaking paint?

- Clean dust, dirt and paint chips from window areas with soap and water.
- Wet scrape or wet sand windows to avoid creating dust; repaint with two coats of paint.
- Look for teeth marks on window sill, which is a sign that your child may be in contact with lead paint. Have your child tested for lead.

Bare dirt in the yard or near the house or sidewalk?

- Cover bare soil with wood chips, grass or plants.
- Wash children's hands often, especially before eating, at bedtime or before naps.
- Take shoes off and leave them at the door.

Paint on porches, railing and steps have peeling, chipping or flaking paint?

- Young children and pets should not play on the porch.
- Take your shoes off and leave them at the door. Wash your children's hands often.
- Wet scrape or wet sand to avoid creating dust. Repaint with two coats of paint or paint encapsulant.

What to do with work clothes if you work with lead on the job?

- Take clothes off at work and shower if possible. Wash clothes separately.
- Take clothes off immediately at home and shower before hugging the kids.

Imported pottery, ceramics, food and toys?

- Do not use imported containers to store food or drinks. Use for display only.
- Imported toys purchased for older children should be kept away from smaller children.

Dust in rugs or carpets?

- Steam clean carpets.
- Remove rugs and carpet permanently. Wet mist carpet during removal to avoid dust in the air.
- Use HEPA vacuum whenever possible.

Baseboards & wood work have peeling, chipping and flaking paint?

- Wet scrape or wet sand surface to avoid creating dust; repaint with two coats of paint.

Have your child tested for lead at one year and two years old.

Have your child tested for lead if she or he is between two and five years old and has never been tested before.

Borrow a HEPA vacuum from the environmental health division of your local health department and use it to clean window sills, floors, carpets and furniture - anywhere there may be dust or paint chips!

Have your home tested if it was built before 1978 to find out if there are lead hazards in your home.

Call (517) 335-9390 to find a certified lead abatement professional or visit website at

<http://www.michigan.gov/leadsafe>