TIPS FOR LEAD SAFE TOYS

- Wash toys regularly to clean off household dust.
  - Homes built before 1978 may have lead-based paint. Homes near busy roadways, in older neighborhoods, or near industry may have lead-contaminated soil.
  - Toys can pick up lead dust in homes with deteriorating or damaged lead-based paint or with lead-contaminated soil.
- Beware of older toys and inexpensive, imported toys, including ones from yard sales, second-hand stores, flea markets and dollar stores.
- Make sure art supplies have an Art and Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) non-toxic seal.
- Check recall lists (www.cpsc.gov/recalls) for toys you are considering buying.
- Get informed about the uses and limitations of home lead testing kits.
- Learn more about other sources of lead.

A blood test is the only way to know if your child has been exposed to lead.
How are children exposed to lead?

Lead is a naturally occurring metal that can be found in:
- Imported consumer products such as cosmetics, spices, cultural home remedies, pottery, and toys
- Take home lead from hobbies and occupations
- Water pumped through leaded pipes
- Contaminated soil and air

Why is it harmful?

Lead affects the brain and nervous system.

In children, this can result in:
- Lowered intelligence
- Hyperactivity
- Attention deficits
- Developmental delays
- Decreased hearing

A venous lead result of 5 μg/dL or higher warrants intervention from your local health department, but no lead level is safe.

TOY SAFETY

Identify whether products in your home have been recalled by checking the Consumer Product Safety Commission’s website at www.cpsc.gov/recalls and search “lead” for a list of recalled toys.

If you have a recalled toy in your home:

- Remove it from your child immediately.
- Do NOT throw out the product – follow the manufacturer’s instructions for the recall.
- Clean other toys that were near the recalled product.

WARNING!

Children who play with toys that are cracked or have peeling paint are most at risk!

If you have a recalled toy in your home:

- Ask your doctor to get your child tested for lead.

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Active Kyds Toy Garden Tools Set, January 2017

Boy Scouts Neckerchief, September 2018

Base Brands Water Bottles, April 2018