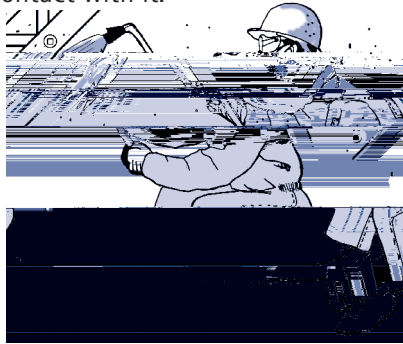


# W T H L ?

Lead dust can be brought into your home on work clothes and equipment. This is called "take home" lead and it can harm anyone who comes in contact with it.



If young children live in your home and you work with lead, launder your work clothes separately.

Young children are more susceptible to the toxic effects of lead. Even very small amounts can cause learning problems and serious illness.

Lead dust can get in your car, on furniture, floors and carpets. Your child can swallow this lead dust and be poisoned.

A child with lead poisoning usually does not look or feel sick. A blood test is the only way to know how much lead is in the body.

# W C H ?

## ■ Your Employer or Union

Follow your employer's recommendations for safe cleaning, personal protective equipment and ventilation systems.

## ■ Your Doctor or other Medical Health Care Provider

It is important for your doctor to know about your possible lead exposure even if you do not have symptoms. He or she will determine if lead testing is necessary.

## ■ N Y S D o H

(NYSDOH)  
[www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov)  
NYSDOH's Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention can provide guidance, information and technical assistance to you on many occupational health issues.

Industrial hygiene services are provided free of charge and can include:

- consultation by phone or on-site visit
- technical assistance in controlling workplace hazards
- worker protection and hazard communication programs
- guidance on personal and respiratory protective equipment

Inquiries can be made to:  
**(518) 402-7900.**

## ■ Occupational Health Clinic Network [http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/workplace/clinic\\_network.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/workplace/clinic_network.htm)

The New York State Network of Occupational Health Clinics provides medical and educational services for workers exposed to workplace hazards. Inquiries about the Clinic Network can be made to: **(518) 402-7900.**

## ■ U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

[www.osha.gov/](http://www.osha.gov/)  
If you feel that your employer does not adequately address a safety or health hazard, you have the right to request an inspection by OSHA. To find the OSHA office nearest you call: **1-800-321-OSHA (6742).**

## ■ New York State Department of Labor [www.labor.ny.gov/home](http://www.labor.ny.gov/home)

If you are a public employee (work for State, county or city offices), OSHA standards are enforced by the New York State Department of Labor Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) program. Inquiries can be made to: **(518) 457-9000.**



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# Health Dangers from Lead on the Job

Lead may hurt you  
even if  
you  
don't  
feel sick



Levels of lead once thought harmless  
are now shown to be toxic

# Environmental Health and Safety

Symptoms of Lead Exposure:

- Decrease brain function
- Decrease kidney function
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## How Can You Reduce Your Exposure to Lead?

