

WARNING

Some Imported Products Contain Lead!

Lead is a poison that damages the brain, nervous system, kidneys and reproductive system. Lead poisoning can also cause learning and behavior problems in children and problems during pregnancy.

The most common cause of lead poisoning in children is lead dust from peeling paint in older homes built before 1978. Adults and children can also be exposed to lead from hobbies and jobs such as fishing, hunting, stained glass work, furniture refinishing, remodeling, construction, manufacturing, scrapping and recycling. Additionally, products made in other countries have been found to contain lead.

Pottery and Glassware



High levels of lead have been found in glazes and paints used to decorate pottery and glassware from Latin American and Asian countries.

Never cook, store or serve food in pottery from these countries. Avoid using painted glassware.

Health Remedies and Cooking



High levels of lead have been found in herbal medicines, minerals, vitamins and spices from the Middle East, Latin America, Africa, Asia and India. It can be difficult to tell the difference between safe and dangerous products. A product may contain lead even if it is not listed as an ingredient on the label.

Products to avoid:

- Ayurvedic Medicines
- Azarcon
- Ba-baw-san
- Bint Al Dahab
- Bint Al Zahab
- Bokhoor
- DawTway
- Ghassard
- Greta
- Jin Bu Huan
- Lozeena
- Pay-loo-ah
- Po Ying Tan
- Santrinj
- Turmeric

Cosmetics



Kohl, Kajal, Surma and Sindoor are cosmetics used by women and children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Middle Eastern and African countries. They contain high levels of lead and are banned for sale in the U.S.

Children are at special risk because they put their hands in their mouths after touching these cosmetics. Some lead may also be absorbed through the eyes.

Mexican Candies



Most Mexican candies and snack products are safe to eat. But some contain lead, especially certain products flavored with chili powder. Lead has also been found in the inks used in some Mexican candy wrappers and in some tamarind candies sold in clay pots. The lead in the wrappers or the clay pots can get into the candy.

You may want to avoid candy and snack products like these.

Jewelry, Toys And Other Children's Products



Lead has been found in the paint, metal and plastic parts of jewelry, toys, vinyl lunch boxes and other imported products for children. Many of these products come from China. Younger children who put their hands and toys in their mouth are at greatest risk. Some products are also choking hazards.

For more information about recalls or specific products, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov.

What should you do if you have used these products?



Stop using them and tell others in your community who use them.



Ask your doctor for a blood test for you and your children.



If you do not have a doctor or need more information, **call 1-877 LEAD SAFE.**



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Ohio Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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