Get **Lead**ucated!

Are your children **safe**?

Take a one-minute quiz to see if your home is lead-safe. You may qualify for free home repairs to correct lead paint hazards in your home. Go to www.sdhealthyhomes.org.

Lead poisoning can cause physical, behavioral and intellectual problems in children. New medical research has shown there is **no safe level of lead exposure**, and the effects of lead exposure cannot be corrected.

Is your home lead-safe? If you live in **a pre-1978 home**, you may be putting your children at risk from lead-based paint.

- The primary source of lead poisoning is inhaling or ingesting dust and soil that has been contaminated by lead-based paint found in homes constructed before 1978. This paint can be deteriorating from windows, doors, cabinets and floors.
- Lead hazards are also created when lead-based paint is improperly disturbed during renovation activities.

Learn how to work safely when remodeling or repainting your home, or hire an EPA certified firm trained in lead-safe work practices.

Doing the work yourself

If you plan on doing your own home remodeling, first learn how to do the work correctly so you don't contaminate yourself or your family. Download a free copy of "Don't Spread Lead" at www.sdhealthyhomes.org.

Hiring an EPA Certified Lead-Safe Contractor

Contractors who perform home improvement activities in housing built prior to 1978 are required to be certified in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair, and Painting rule. Visit http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_firm.htm to locate an EPA certified firm in your area.

Get your child tested for lead poisoning even if he or she seems healthy. There usually are no outward symptoms of lead poisoning. For more information or to report problems, call the Lead Safety and Healthy Homes Program at **(858) 694-7000** or visit **www.sdhealthyhomes.org**.

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