

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

October 21st – 27th

Who's at risk?

- ❑ Young children less than 6 years old are at greatest risk for lead poisoning, because they often place their hands and objects in their mouths.
- ❑ It is recommended that all children under the age of 6 years be tested for lead. The best ages for testing are 12 and 24 months.

Health effects of lead exposure

Lead poisoned children usually have no specific signs or symptoms. Even at low blood levels, lead exposure is linked to:

- Anemia
- Learning/Behavior Problems
- Hearing Loss
- Hyperactivity
- Neurological Damage
- Kidney Damage

A child who has any of the above problems should be tested for lead.

For additional information regarding how to prevent lead poisoning at home or at work visit the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPPP) at:

<http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/nb/clpp.asp> or contact the CLPPP at 707-784-8070.

