

# Lead Screening in Children

**Schedule your child's lead test today!**



Children 12–24 months should have had at least one lead test by their second birthday. A lead test is the only way to know if your child has lead poisoning.

## Did you know?

- ▶ A child with lead poisoning may not exhibit obvious signs.
- ▶ Lead test screenings are at no cost to children enrolled in Medicaid.
- ▶ Lead test screenings may be given by your child's doctor or health department.
- ▶ Not all pediatricians screen for lead — Ask your child's doctor for this test.

Children's growing bodies absorb more lead than adults' do, and their brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.

## Why is lead screening for children so important?

Lead is a toxin that is particularly dangerous for young children because of their small size and rapid growth and development.

## Lead Poisoning May Cause:

- ▶ Anemia
- ▶ Behavioral Issues
- ▶ Seizures
- ▶ Learning Difficulties
- ▶ Other Medical Problems

## Lead Prevention Tips

- ▶ Wash toys, bottles, and pacifiers.
- ▶ Keep your home clean and dust free.
- ▶ Run your water regularly to flush your home's pipes.
- ▶ Eat a diet high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.
- ▶ Wash your hand often.

**Remember: Boiling water does not remove lead from water!**

Sources: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) | [afc.gov](https://www.afc.gov)

