

# Risk Assessment Questionnaire

In addition to the required screening at ages one and two, it is recommended that an assessment of risk for high-dose lead exposure be done at least annually for each child six months to six years of age. The following questions serve as a risk assessment tool based on currently accepted public health guidelines. Children found to be at risk for lead exposure should receive a blood lead test whenever such risk is identified and consult a doctor.

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Answer |    |
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| <p>1. Does your child live in or regularly visit a house/building built before 1978 with peeling or chipping paint, or with recent, ongoing or planned renovation or remodeling?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This could include a day care center, preschool, and the home of a babysitter or a relative.</p>                                                                                                                            |        |    |
| <p>2. Has your family/child ever lived outside the United States or recently arrived from a foreign country?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |    |
| <p>3. Does your child have a brother, sister, housemate or playmate being followed or treated for lead poisoning?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |    |
| <p>4. Does your child frequently put things in his/her mouth such as toys, jewelry, or keys? Does your child eat non-food items (pica)?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> A child putting toys in his/her mouth is very significant now because of the recent recalls.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     |        |    |
| <p>5. Does your child frequently come in contact with an adult whose job or hobby involves exposure to lead?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Jobs such as house painting, renovations, construction, welding or pottery making. Hobby examples are making stained glass or pottery, fishing, making firearms and collecting lead figurines.</p>                                                                                              |        |    |
| <p>6. Does your child live near an active lead smelter, battery recycling plant, or another industry likely to release lead or does your child live near a heavily traveled major highway where soil and dust may be contaminated with lead?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> May need to alert parent/caregiver if such an industry is local. Ask any additional questions that may be specific to situations in a particular community.</p> |        |    |

**If the answer to any of the above questions is YES, then the child is considered to be at risk of high dose lead exposure and should be screened with a blood lead test.**



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