Playing With Poison
Lead Poisoning Hazards of Children’s Product Recalls

Lead paint has been found on everything from snaps on an infant’s romper to Radio Flyer wagons. Recent recalls for high levels of lead include children’s jewelry, pajamas, toy sets, easels, and stuffed balls. Lead is used again and again in products for children, leading to possible developmental problems just from playing with toys.

Lead has been known to be dangerous for over 100 years. It is most harmful to children ages six and younger, causing nervous system damage, attention disorders, and other bad health effects. Even with the known hazards and the 1978 ban of lead paint, over 156 million units of children’s products have been recalled due to the presence of lead since 1990.

KID first reported on lead in children’s products in our 2004 report, Playing With Poison. That report tracked 98 children’s products recalled because of lead between 1990 and 2004. Since then, the number of products has skyrocketed, due primarily to the increase in testing and the increase in products made outside the US. In 2007 alone there were 109 recalls. Lead is one issue that will be addressed in the new CPSC Reform Act of 2008. In the meantime, states such as Illinois, Vermont, and California have implemented their own bans.

Lead poisoning is almost impossible to detect without a blood test. In addition, doctors often screen for lead based on high-risk factors that do not include the risks from toys or nursery items. Children’s products containing lead or lead paint may be an overlooked dangerous source of poisoning.

Based on these findings Kids In Danger recommends the following:

- The government should set a maximum allowable level of lead for children’s products based on the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation of 40 ppm including in lead and in the product itself.
- The best way to keep poisonous children’s products out of homes is to require that toys and nursery items be tested for safety before they are sold.

What can parents and caregivers do?

☐ Every child from 6 months to 6 years should be tested for lead each year. Your health care provider can give you more information about other sources of lead poisoning.
☐ Check your home or childcare for recalled products, including those with lead. You can check products at www.cpsc.gov or find out more at www.KidsInDanger.org. See the list of products recalled for lead on the back of this sheet.
☐ Sign up for email notice of recalls at www.cpsc.gov and KID’s monthly email alerts at www.Kidsindanger.org
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Children’s Products Recalled for Lead Hazard 2004-2008

Find complete recall information on these products at www.cpsc.gov. These are specific products; not all of the named products by these manufacturers have been recalled. Check the recall notice for dates of manufacturer and sale and model numbers as appropriate. For information on lead in products older than 2004, please visit www.cpsc.gov.

A&A Global Industries "Groovy Grabber" Bracelets
A.A. of America Toy Wrestler Figures
American Girl® Children’s Jewelry
American Greetings Corp. DesignWare® Confetti Bursts
Amscan "Ugly Teeth" Party Favors
Antioch Publishing Cool Clip™ Bookmarks & Journals
Aron Products Basketball & Flower Tables
Bell Racing Collectible Mini Helmets
Benjamin International Pendants & C&ie Charms
Buy-Rite Divine Inspiration & Sparkle City Bracelets; Tack Pin sets
CBOCs Distribution Princess Magnetic Travel Art Set Lap Desks
Cardinal Distributing Children’s Bracelets & "Sportswear" Necklaces
Cardinal Distributing Children’s Rings (Dice; Horsehoe; Turquoise)
Celebrate Express Gigantic Gemstone Ring
Cherydale Fundraising Decorative Stretchable Aqua Bracelets
Christmas Tree Shops Wooden Blocks & Jumbo Wooden Train Sets
Claire’s Boutiques Children’s Necklaces
Codex International Codeena Princess Metal Jewellery
Colossal Jewelry & Accessories Metal Necklaces & Bracelets
Cranium Inc. Craniun Cadoo Board Games
Citron Rose "Ksidite" Necklace & Silver Stud Earring sets
DM Merchandising Children’s "Ultra Gear" Bracelets
Daiso Seattle Children’s Jewelry
DecoPac Football Bobble Head Cake Decorations
Delta Enterprises Europa Crips
Delta Enterprises Cars, Toy Storage Bench
Discount School Supply
Discount School Supply Giant Measuring Chart
Discount School Supply Tic Tac Turtle Toss Mats
Disney Store Pirates of the Caribbean Sleeping Bags
Disney Store Tinker Bell Wands
Dolgencorp Children’s Fashion Sunglasses
Dollar General Merchandising Metal Key Chains
Dollar General Merchandising Metal Frankenstein Tumblers
Dollar General Corp, Necklace, Earring sets, Heart Shaped Pendant
Dollar Tree Mood, Glow-in-the-Dark, & UV Necklace & Ring
Downeast Concepts Backyard & Beyond Metal Water Bottles
Early Childhood Resources Yellow Sure Grip Paint Brushes
Educational Insights Ring Toss Games
Evedare Battery "Pirates of the Caribbean" Squeeze Lights
FOX International Children’s Sunglasses
FUNTASTIC Hillbilly Teeth
Family Dollar Stores Purple Halloween Pails with Witch Decorations
Family Dollar Stores Rose & Distinctly Basics Metal Jewelry
Far East Brokers & Consultants Fishing Games
First Learning Company & Toy World Group Soldier Bear Toys
Fisher-Price Sesame Street Dora the Explorer, & other children’s toys
Fisher-Price Go Diego Go Animal Rescue Boats
Fisher-Price Geo Trax Locomotive Toys
Fisher-Price Big Big World 6-in-1 Bongo Band toys
Flaghouse Kidnastics Balance Beams
Fun Express Bendable toys
Future Industries Essentials for Kids Jewelry Sets
Galison/Mudpuppy Wine 0 Bound Journals & Calendars
GeoCentral Butterfly Necklaces
Greenbrier International Baby Bear & Wine Toys & Action! Cars
Greenbrier Internat’l Metal Jewelry
Guidecraft Inc. Floor & Tabletop Puppet Theaters
HalPe International Animal - Bamboo Collection Games
Hampton Direct Magnetic Toy Train Sets
Henry Gordy International “Galaxy Warriors” Toy Figures
HIS International Denim Jumper Sets
Hidden Hills Floor Mat Games
Hirschberg Schutz “Charming Thoughts” Metal Charms
Hobby Lobby Stores Halloween-Themed Baskets
Hobby Lobby Stores Camouflage Eggs & Spinning Egg Top Toys
International Sourcing Dragger & Funny Car toy J.C. Penney Disney™ Winne-the-Pooh 23-Piece Play Sets
J.C. Penney Deluxe Wood Art Sets
J.C. Penney Breyer 2006 Stirrup Ornaments
Jo-Ann Stores Children’s Toy Gardening Tools, Toy Rake
Jo-Ann Stores Children’s Robbie Ducky Holiday Water Globes
KF Toys Wooden Wagon Sets, Activity Learning Carts, Alphabet Blocks
Kahoot Products Cub Scout Totem Badges
Kash N’ Gold Tinker Bell Lamps
Kids II Baby Einstein Discover & Play Color Blocks
Kipp Brothers Bendable Dinosaur Toys
La Femme NY 2 Children’s Necklace & Earring Sets
Land of Nod Antique White Furniture
Lan Jewelry “Claudia’s Jubil” Children’s Rings
Little Tikes Flashlights
Liz Claiborne Juicy Couture Children’s Jewelry
MTP Products Budding Gardner Complete Gardening Set
Magus Industries Children’s Storage Bins
Martin Designs SpongeBob SquarePants™ Address Books & Journals
Marvel Toys Curious George Flush Pooles
Master Toys & Novelties Cowboy on a Horse Little Rider Toys
Mattel Various Barbie Accessories
Mettel "Sarge" die cast toy cars
Meeco furniture set
Merchant Media Toy Puzzle Vehicle Sets
Michaels Stores Seasonal Writing Pens
Mission City Press a Life of Faith Charm Bracelet Sets
Monogram International Disney Princess Bracelet Keyrings
Netsch Children’s Table & Chair
Nintendo of America Character-themed lapel pins
Northern Tool & Equipment “Big Red” Wagons
OKK Trading Interchange Robot Toys
OKK Trading Toy Racing Cars
Oriental Trading Children’s Religious Fish Necklaces
Oriental Trading Beaded Photo Charm Bracelet
Pecoware Children’s Metal Necklaces
Provo Craft & Novelty Snaps and Clips
Provo Craft & Novelty Art Accents™ Charglz™ Metal Charms
Pure Allure Crystal Innovations Jewelry
QuinCrafts Makit & Bakit Jewelry Sets & Suncatcher Sets
R.L. Albert & Son Skull Pails Filled With Halloween Candy Mix
RC2 Various Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Toys
RC2 The First Years 3-in-1 Flush & Sounds Potty Seats
RC2 Britains “Knights of the Sword” Series Toys
RR Donnelley Reading & Math Aids & ESI-R Screening Materials
Raymon Geddes Children’s Pencil Pouches
Raymond Geddes Metalic necklaces
Really Useful Products Children’s mud & diva necklaces
Reebok International Heart-Shaped Charm Bracelets
Reeves International Ornaments: 2006 Snow Princess Stirrup, 2007 Holiday Stirrup, 2007 Photo Frame Horse Shoe
Regent Products Stuffed Fun Balls
Rhode Island Novelty Spinning Wheel-Metal & Mood Necklaces
Rhode Island Novelty Powerpuff Girls Necklaces
Riddell Collectible "Jeff Gordon" Mini Helmets
Riverside Publishing Memory Testing Cards
Rivera Trading Metalic costume bracelets
S.U. Wholesale X Force Commander Airplanes, Cars, Motorcycles
Samara Brothers Starting Out Shirt & Overalls
Samara Brothers Heavyweight Outerwear Jackets
Santa’s Toy Western Rider Push Toys
Schylling Associates Spinning Tops & Tin Pails
Schylling Associates Duck Family Collectable Wind-Up Toy
Schylling Associates Winnie-the-Pooh Spinning Top
Schylling Associates Dizzy Ducks Music Box
Schylling Associates "Robot 2000" collectible tin robot
Selected Trading Corp. Children’s Necklaces
Shakespeare fishing poles
Shalom International Children’s "Rachael Rose Kidz" Rings
Simplicity Lancaster Crisls
SimplyFun Ribbit Board Games
Spaniel Sales & Marketing Children’s Necklaces, Bracelets, Rings
Startie Internat’l Happy Giddy Gardening Tools & Sunny Patch Chairs
Stravina Operating Metal Necklace & Zipper Pulls
StyleMark Children’s Sunglasses
TJ Promotions Fish Coin Banks
TOBY N.Y.C. TOBY & ME Jewelry Sets
The Boppy Company Boppy Slipscover
The Boys Coalition Ell’s Small Drums & Liberty’s Large Drums
The Children’s Place Retail Stores Camouflage Pajama Sets
The Gift Wrap Hanging Photo Frames
The Home Depot Holiday Figurines
Toy Century Industrial Company "Elite Operations" Toy Sets
Toy Century Industrial Invincible Transport Converters Toy Sets
Toy Century Industrial Soldier Bear Brand Toy Sets
Toy Investments Floppy Friends Horse Toys
Toys “R” Us Elite Operations Toys
Toys "R" Us Children’s Toy Decorating Sets
Toys "R" Us Imaginarium Wooden Coloring Cases
Tricam Industries Metal Toy Wagons
Twee Brands Decorative Packaging Pearl-like Bead Attachments
Twee Brands Children’s Metal Jewelry
Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment Metal Charms
U.S. Toy Co. Children’s Butterfly Necklaces
Uncas Manuf. Sleeping Beauty Crown & Cinderella Star Earring Sets
United Imports Children’s Mood Necklaces
Walmart Stores "Hip Charm" Key Chains
Walt Mart Player/Recorder
Walt Disney World Sunglasses/Cap
WeGlow International Children’s Metal Jewelry
Zebco fishing poles
Zhongshan Foods Toy Gardening Hand Rakes
ezBoo Sketchbooks with Colored Spira
Bead Bazaar "It’s a Girl Thing" Bracelets, Necklaces, Phone Charm