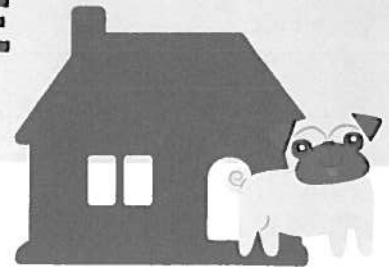


## LEAD IN THE HOME

Preventing lead poisoning and protecting children from exposure is 100% possible.



**Fact 1:** If your house was built before 1978 it might contain lead, and if it was built before 1950 it is very likely to have lead-based paints

**Fact 2:** Lead dust can come from lead-based paint. The older a home and the more damaged paint is, the more lead just can be created and spread throughout the home

**Fact 3:** Lead dust is too fine and small to be seen.

**Fact 4:** Lead dust is the most common source of lead poisoning, in children and even pets. Children with hand-to-mouth behaviors (i.e. nail biting, finger sucking, etc.) are at the greatest risk of poisoning.


**Fact 5:** Poisoning happens when children put lead dust in their mouth. This can happen when children put toys in their mouth with lead dust on them. Other surfaces where lead dust can be found are windowsills and floors

**Fact 6:** It is also toxic for children to eat paint chips that have fallen off the wall or windows.

**Fact 7:** The local health department will help get rid of the lead and tell you how to manage it.

For more information on cleaning tips and for vacuums required to clean lead dust, please contact:

Connecticut Department of Public Health- Lead and Healthy Homes Program

 (860)-509-7299

**CAUTION:** Pregnant women cannot clean up lead dust because it can harm the fetus