

## **LEAD IN PLUMBING SUPPLIES AND NON-RESIDENTIAL PAINTS**

Some plumbing supplies (including solder) and/or non-residential paints and primers (such as for automotive or marine uses) in this store do or may contain lead above specified limits.

Lead is very dangerous to humans, especially to young children. Exposure to tiny amounts of lead-often by hand-to-mouth or product-to-mouth contact-may cause permanent damage to the brain and other organs and result in lower IQ scores, among other effects. Lead exposure may also increase the risk of school failure and behavior problems.

Sources of lead exposure include lead-based paint, soil, some consumer products, and certain types of work done by a family member. A blood test is the only way to tell if a person has been exposed to lead. All children ages one and two should be tested for lead.

To reduce the risk of lead exposure, you should:

- Keep products and materials that may contain lead away from small children
- Wash your hands after contact with any lead-containing object or surface, and wash work clothing separately after exposure to lead on the job.
- If you live in a house or apartment built before 1978-especially before 1960-it may well contain lead paint. It is important to maintain older homes in good condition, clean them in a lead-safe way, and use lead-safe work practices when making repairs.

For more information, contact the Vermont Department of Health at 1-800-439-8550 or <http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/lead/lead.aspx>. For information on which plumbing supplies or non-residential paints in this store do or may contain lead above specified limits, ask the store staff.