Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child’s health

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
- Slowed growth and development
- Learning and behavior problems
- Hearing and speech problems

This can cause:
- Lower IQ
- Decreased ability to pay attention
- Underperformance in school

Take these steps to make your home lead-safe:
- Talk with your child’s healthcare provider about a simple blood lead test.
- Call Franklin County Public Health at (614) 525-3017 to test your home for lead if you live in a home built before 1978.
- Renovate safely. Common renovation activities can create hazardous lead dust. Use contractors certified by the EPA.
- Keep recalled toys away from children. Current recalls can be found at www.cpsc.gov.