

**Subject:** NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene Lead Prevention Program

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

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The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) is offering **FREE** education workshop to the community on how to prevent lead poisoning and other environmental home health hazards (i.e., mold, pest, smoking, and asthma triggers).

- Lead is a poison that damages the brain, nervous system, kidneys and reproductive system. Lead poisoning can also cause learning and behavior problems in children and problems in pregnancy.
- The most common cause of lead poisoning in children is swallowing lead dust from peeling paint. Lead can also be found in other things such as products made in other countries (i.e., health remedies, pottery, cosmetics, spices, jewelry and toys).

Services include:

- Parent Talks
- In-service training for staff
- Informational tables for health fairs and other events
- Participation at special events for prenatal groups (i.e., baby showers, breastfeeding week, etc.)

Topics we cover:

- **Lead Poisoning** – What is lead poisoning? Why is lead a problem? How do children get lead poisoning? What are the risk assessment and testing requirements in NYS? Local Law 1 of 2004, tenant rights and responsibilities, safe work practices, and primary prevention messages.
- **Healthy Homes** – Lead in the home environment, Mold, Pests and Rodents/Integrated Pest Management, Household Products/Chemical Poisoning, Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and Asthma/Allergens.

Our information line, **212-BAN-LEAD (212-226-5323)**, is available Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm to answer all your questions about lead and other environmental home health hazards, including health effects and legal issues, and can make referrals when necessary. You can also call **311** at any time to be connected to the information line. Program materials are available in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Urdu, Hindi, French, Haitian Creole, Russian, Arabic and Punjabi.

**Materials Order Form:** <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/lead/lead-material-order-form.pdf>

Our staff is available to describe LPPP's community and care coordination services, provide educational materials, and conduct educational presentations for your members, clients, and staff. We are available to conduct presentations in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and French