

# Lead & Pregnancy

Lead is toxic and easily absorbed into the body.

Lead in the body can cause lasting harm to the brain and other organs. A pregnant woman with lead in her body can pass it to her baby.

Lead exposure may increase risk of:

- Premature birth
- Small size and low birth weight
- Miscarriage or stillbirth
- Learning and behavior problems
- Sterility



If you are pregnant and live in or regularly visit a building built before 1978, you can request an educational visit in your home or at a local health center by calling 859-363-2049

If you have children under age 6, ask your child's health care provider about testing for lead.

Learn more:

[nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/childrens-health/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention](https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/childrens-health/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention)



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Materials are also available in Spanish and interpretation is available in many languages.