

## LEAD EXPOSURE RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

New York State Dept of Health

[www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/lead/exposure/childhood/risk\\_assessment.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/lead/exposure/childhood/risk_assessment.htm)

In addition to the required screening at ages one and two, assessment of risk for high-dose lead exposure should be done at least annually for each child six months to six years of age. These questions serve as a risk assessment tool based on currently accepted public health guidelines. Children found to be at risk for lead exposure should receive a blood lead test whenever such risk is identified.

Question	YES	NO
<p>1. Does your child live in or regularly visit a house/building built before 1978 with peeling or chipping paint, or with recent, ongoing or planned renovation or remodeling?</p> <p><i>Note: This could include a day care center, preschool, and the home of a babysitter or a relative.</i></p>		
<p>2. Has your family/child ever lived outside the United States or recently arrived from a foreign country?</p>		
<p>3. Does your child have a brother, sister, housemate or playmate being followed or treated for lead poisoning?</p>		
<p>4. Does your child frequently put things in his/her mouth such as toys, jewelry, or keys? Does your child eat non-food items (pica)?</p> <p><i>Note: This may include toys or jewelry products that have been specifically recalled by the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) due to identification of unsafe levels of lead.</i></p>		
<p>5. Does your child frequently come in contact with an adult whose job or hobby involves exposure to lead?</p> <p><i>Note: Jobs such as house painting, renovations, construction, welding or pottery making. Hobby examples are making stained glass or pottery, fishing, making firearms and collecting lead figurines.</i></p>		
<p>6. Does your child live near an active lead smelter, battery recycling plant, or another industry likely to release lead or does your child live near a heavily traveled major highway where soil and dust may be contaminated with lead?</p> <p><i>Note: May need to alert parent/caregiver if such an industry is local. Ask any additional questions that may be specific to situations in a particular community.</i></p>		

**If the answer to any of the above questions is YES, then the child is considered to be at risk of high dose lead exposure and should be screened with a blood lead test.**