What is lead poisoning?

it is an **illness caused by lead**.

Lead can be found inside old wall **paintings**, dust, smoke from **factories** and **water**. It is a dangerous **poison** that must be avoided.

Children can be very sick because of lead.

**Symptoms** can be:
- stomach ache,
- constant stirring,
- exhaustion,
- retarded growth, ...

**Caution!**
Symptoms may differ from one child to another.

In order to know if your child is sick, ask for a **blood test**.

**Talk to your general practitioner**
Where can lead be found?

- In your environment (soil, vegetables and fruits) near some factories
- In old paints; particularly if these paints are chipped and crumbling into dust
- In dust
- In old lead pipes

Simple things to avoid lead poisoning

- Clean fruits and vegetables with water
- Wash your hands with water
- Prevent children from scratching off or eat paint chips
- Clean soil with wet mop, rather than with a broom
- Start by filling a large bucket of water from the tap every morning, to drain off the lead that as accumulated in the pipe all night. Water from the bucket can be used to clean the floor.

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