

Tennessee Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Common Lead Sources

Within a Home or Structure
Lead-based paint dust from window or doorsills*
Lead-based paint dust from walls*
Old or antique furnishings with lead-based paint
Tap water (Associated with copper plumbing, lead service lines, or lead-contaminated well water)
Cheap, imported vinyl mini blinds
Old or antique toys with lead-based paint
Imported spices, cosmetics, toys, or home remedies**
Ceremonial oils, religious powders (i.e. Sindoor) and jewelry used for “protection”#
Outside a Home or Structure
Soil: Exterior lead-based paint debris
Soil: Leaded gasoline particulate
Other
Adult hobbies related to fishing, shooting, and glassmaking
Occupational lead residue from parent/guardian’s shoes or clothing

*May be the result of deterioration or prompted by home renovations

**Especially common source for children of recent immigrants

#Lead-based jewelry has been noted across cultures to be referenced for religious purposes and will not be reported unless referenced as “items of protection.”