



Wash children's toys often and store in sealed containers when not in use.

This prevents lead dust collecting on toys and reduces children's exposure to lead.



Place easy to clean play mats on the floor or carpet for children to play on.

This reduces the amount of lead dust that the child can pick up from floors and carpets.



Leave shoes outside and have door mats at all entrances.

This limits the amount of lead dust walked in from outside.



Wash and brush pets regularly.

Pet fur traps lead dust and can be brought inside the home by our animals. Always wash and dry hands after playing with pets.

For more information

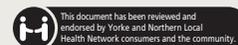
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Keeping lead levels low indoors

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Lead aware indoor tips

In Port Pirie lead is present in the air, soil and dust around us and can find its way into our homes. Follow these simple tips to be lead aware indoors.



Wash and dry your hands before preparing food or drinks, eating, drinking or feeding children. Wash and dry children's hands before they eat and after playing outside.

Handwashing and drying is one of the most effective ways to keep lead out of the body.



Dry dishes and put them away rather than leaving them to dry on a rack.

Wet dishes will collect lead dust, particularly if near an open window.



Vacuum carpets often using a HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filter vacuum.

Ensure children are not in the room when vacuuming.



Damp wipe kitchen surfaces and ensure all equipment is clean before preparing food and drinks.

Lead dust can settle on kitchen surfaces and equipment.



Seal all cracks, particularly around cornices, in your home.

This will minimise lead dust falling into rooms as lead dust collects in ceilings.



Clean windows, sills and fly screens regularly. Keep windows and doors shut on windy days.

This prevents lead dust being blown inside.



Clean air-conditioner filters, fittings and fans regularly.

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Damp dust surfaces, working from high to low, paying particular attention to where children can reach.

This ensures lead dust doesn't re-settle on clean surfaces.



Damp mop rather than sweep, and damp dust instead of dry dusting.

Sweeping and using a dry duster causes lead dust to swirl around the room and re-settle on other surfaces.