

# Services we provide

The Environmental Health Centre (EHC) is a free community service which can help you understand the issues around lead, and offers services to monitor and assist in keeping blood lead levels as low as possible.

The EHC provides services and programs across the Port Pirie community; it is not only available to people with elevated blood lead levels

## Blood lead testing

Blood lead testing is available for:

- > Port Pirie residents, pregnant women and children under the age of five.
- People in the community who are undertaking activities which may put them at risk of lead exposure (e.g. renovators/contractors).

Flexible appointments can be arranged upon request.

Blood lead tests are taken by a finger prick and the blood is then sent to the laboratory for analysis. An EHC worker will make contact with you after your blood lead level test result has been received.

## Family and community support services

The EHC not only works closely with families and children but also provides services and programs to kindergartens, child care providers and other community groups in Port Pirie.

Family Support Services provide support through:

- > Home visiting program
- > Individualised education and information for clients
- > Lead assessments for early childhood centres e.g. kindergartens and childcares
- > Testing of soil, dust, paint and rainwater for lead contamination
- > Assistance with cleaning strategies and loan cleaning equipment.

# Equipment loan

Industrial vacuum cleaners are loaned to community members for such tasks as cleaning up after renovations.

Carpet shampoo machines and vacuum cleaners are also available to loan for participants of the EHC program.

### For more information

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