Don't Take Lead Dust Home From Work!





Lead is a strong poison:

It can damage the brain and nervous system; the digestive system; the reproductive system; the ability to make blood; and the kidneys.





You may be exposed to lead if you work with:

ammunition firing range paint pottery sheet metal tile construction ceramics batteries demolition pipe chemicals solder radiator repair welding remodeling

Even small amounts of lead can cause permanent brain damage, including learning disabilities, in young children.









Make sure that you wash hands and face before eating.



To prevent carrying lead dust home:

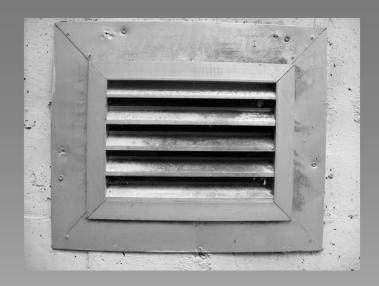


Shower, wash hair, and change into clean clothes before leaving work.

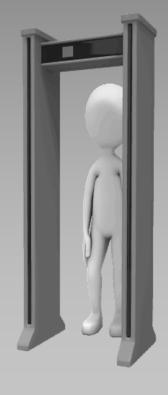


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Store street clothes and work clothes in different places.



Use the ventilation systems at work. Make sure they are working correctly.





Avoid breathing lead dust and fumes.

- Use the correct respirator.
- Make sure it is clean and in good shape.
- Make sure it fits well.



Keep work areas clean. Do not use compressed air to remove lead dust. Use a vacuum with a high efficiency air filter, or use wet cleaning methods, to remove lead dust.



Do not eat, drink, or smoke in work areas. If you have questions about lead exposure, please call your local health department or the Missouri Department and Health and Senior Services: (573) 751-6102.

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