

Prenatal Risk Evaluation Questions for Lead Exposure

Please answer these questions with: Yes, No, or Don't Know. If you answer Yes to any of these questions and you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, see your health care provider for a blood test to see if you have too much lead in your blood.

1. Do you currently live in or regularly visit a house built before 1978? <i>Older houses can have lead paint in them.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
2. If "Yes" to question 1, have there been any repairs or remodeling in the house? <i>If the house has lead paint, sanding, scraping, and tearing down walls can create lead dust.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
3. Have you ever lived in a house build before 1978?	Yes	No	Don't Know
4. Have <u>you</u> ever been told that you have had lead in your blood, even as a child? <i>Lead can stay in your bones for many years.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
5. Has a <u>household member</u> ever been told that he or she had lead in his or her blood? <i>This person may have accidentally exposed you to lead as well.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
6. Sometimes pregnant women have the urge to eat things that are not food, such as clay, soil, plaster, pottery, or paint chips. Do you ever eat or chew on non-food items like these?	Yes	No	Don't Know
7. Do you use any imported cosmetics, food products, or herbal or traditional folk remedies? <i>Some of these items may contain lead.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
8. Do you use pottery, painted dishes, or leaded crystal or other products that were made in another country? <i>The lead in the glazes and the crystal can get into the food when using lead-containing tableware.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
9. Do you put your rings, necklaces, or chains with charms or other jewelry in your mouth? Do you have or have you had any oral piercings? <i>Some of these may contain lead.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
10. To your knowledge, do you have old plumbing in your house that may have lead pipes or lead solder?	Yes	No	Don't Know
11. Have you ever been told that your water tested high for lead?	Yes	No	Don't Know
12. Were you born or have you ever spent time outside of the United States? <i>Many identified pregnant women with elevated blood lead levels are foreign born.</i>	Yes	No	Don't Know
13. Do you or others in your household have a <u>job</u> that may expose you or them to lead? See examples below: • Auto repair • Battery manufacturers • Painters • Police officers • Plumbers • Steel welder • Home renovation/restoration • Metal scrap yards	Yes	No	Don't Know
14. Do you or others in your household have a <u>hobby</u> that may expose you or them to lead? See examples below: • Scraping, sanding, lead-based paint on household structures or furniture • Making or painting on stained glass • Jewelry making with lead solder • Hunting & target shooting • Making potter/ceramic ware with lead glazes/paints	Yes	No	Don't Know

Contact the ISDH Lead & Health Homes Program for More Information and Resources:

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