

TEACHERS

**Know the affects of
LEAD POISONING in children**

Lead lingers throughout San Diego in many homes and communities built before 1978.

fact If a child eats or ingests lead based paint, it can cause many health problems including:

- Behavior and learning problems such as hyperactivity
- Slowed growth
- Brain and nervous system damage
- Hearing problems and headaches

what to do?

If you suspect that one of your students may be suffering from lead poisoning, here are some steps to take:

- 1** Tell the parents/guardian of the child.
- 2** Recommend that the child get a simple blood lead test from their doctor or at one of the testing clinics through out San Diego.
- 3** If the child tests positive for lead, parents need to get their homes checked for lead. The test can be done for free by the San Diego Housing Commission (619) 578-7521.
- 4** If lead is found in the home, parents need to get it removed immediately by a certified lead abatement specialist. Unprofessional lead removal can cause lead to spread unseen throughout the home and cause more problems.

U.S. E.P.A. LAW: As of April 22, 2010, contractors doing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified. Specific work practices must be followed to prevent lead poisoning and contamination.