

# Lead in Keys

*Many people know that the most likely source of lead is paint, but did you know...*

## **Lead is also in Keys.**

Most brass house and car keys contain lead. Children can get lead in their bodies by:

- putting the keys in their mouths
- putting their hands in their mouth after playing with keys.

## **What can lead poisoning do to my child?**

Lead is most harmful to small children and pregnant women.

Lead may:

- affect a child's growing body
- affect a child's nervous system
- cause learning and behavior problems.

The higher a child's blood lead level, the greater the risk to the child. The child may not look or act sick.



**Since it is hard to tell whether a key is made of lead or not, NEVER give a child keys to play with.**

*For more information on preventing a child from being exposed to other sources of lead contact the:*

**NH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program  
NH Department of Health and Human Services  
800-897-LEAD or visit [www.dhhs.nh.gov/dhhs/clppp](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dhhs/clppp)**



[www.chadkids.org/goto/childhealthmonth](http://www.chadkids.org/goto/childhealthmonth)

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