# Possible Sources of Lead

## Occupational

- Painters
- Home remodelers/renovators
- Construction/demolition workers
- Bridge maintenance/repair
- Auto body repairers/painters
- Battery manufacturers/recyclers
- Radiator repairers/manufacturing
- Furniture refinishers
- Plumbers, pipe fitters
- Roofers
- Lead miners, smelters, & refiners
- Glass, copper and brass manufacturers
- Boat builders/painters/repair/maintenance
- Ceramics making/glaze mixing
- Printers (ink)
- Plastic & rubber manufacturers
- Police officers
- Firing range instructors
- Steel welders or cutters
- Jewelry-making
- Gas station attendants
- Aircraft repair
- X-ray shielding/film radiology

## Environmental/Other

- Lead-based paint (pre-1978)
- Soil/dust near lead industries, roadways, lead-painted houses
- Plumbing and solder
- Cosmetics & hair dye
- Imported vinyl mini-blinds
- Imported ceramic tiles for the kitchen/bathroom
- Building materials: Gutters, flashing, tile, window glazing
- Ceramicware/glazed pottery
- Porcelain bathtubs
- Leaded glass/pewter
- Leaded gasoline (race, collector cars)
- Soldered seams-imported canned food
- Soldered copper pipes
- Submersible pumps in wells
- Brass plumbing fixtures
- Bronze, pewter, leaded crystal
- Electronics manufacturers
- Pesticides
- Imported crayons
- Storage batteries
- Plastic insulation on electrical wiring and old telephone wiring
- Candle wicks

## Hobbies and Related Activities

- Home remodeling/renovation
- Car or boat repair
- Glazing/making pottery
- Reloading/target shooting at firing ranges
- Furniture refinishing
- Making/handling lead shot and fishing weights/sinkers
- Using lead soldering/welding
- Oil painting (artistic)
- Using pastel art pencils
- Making stained glass
- Jewelry making
- Using/making diving & exercise weights
- Repairing old painted wooden or metal toys

## Ingested Sources

- Traditional/home remedies (Azarcon, Greta, Pay-loo-ah, Kohl, Ayurvedic).
- See our website for a listing of other home remedies that may contain lead.
- Imported candy and candy wrappers
- Supplements (calcium)

For more on sources of lead or preventing lead poisoning: [www.healthoregon.org/lead](http://www.healthoregon.org/lead)