



## Idaho Healthy Homes Network

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This newsletter is intended to provide a recap of some of the healthy homes and lead-based paint information that we have shared in the IHHN meetings or that has come to us through a Listserv. We hope this information will be helpful!

### **HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE – REGISTER NOW!!**

A Healthy Homes Conference will be presented by the Idaho Healthy Homes Network on September 15-17 in Boise, ID.

Who should attend: Professionals or students working in the areas of affordable housing, community service delivery, and environmental public health; people who provide health or inspection services of any type; Agency, Department, and Division heads; Child Care Providers; Head Start Agencies; Community Police Officers; Code Officials; Builders/Renovators, and others.

Continuing education units are available for many professions. Conference fee is \$12 per day. For more information and registration go to [www.hud.gov/idaho](http://www.hud.gov/idaho) or contact Jerry Royster at [Jerry.Royster@hud.gov](mailto:Jerry.Royster@hud.gov), or call 208-334-1088 x3017.

### **HUD AND SURGEON GENERAL UNVEIL NATIONAL HEALTHY HOMES STRATEGY**

HUD and HHS agree there must be a coordinated national effort to produce healthier housing. Read about it at [www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr09-083.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr09-083.cfm).

### **NATIONAL HEALTHY HOUSING POLICY SUMMIT**

Read the National Healthy Housing Policy Summit Meeting Report at [www.nchh.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=TPQsblPj8fQ%3d&tabid=340](http://www.nchh.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=TPQsblPj8fQ%3d&tabid=340)

Read the National Healthy Housing Policy Summit Meeting Proceedings at [www.nchh.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=CUGvIZBYLQY%3d&tabid=340](http://www.nchh.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=CUGvIZBYLQY%3d&tabid=340)

To learn more about the National Healthy Housing Policy Summit go to [www.nchh.org/Policy/Policy-Summit.aspx](http://www.nchh.org/Policy/Policy-Summit.aspx).

## COMMISSION TO BUILD A HEALTHIER AMERICA



The Commission put forth recommendations in [Healthy Places](#), which you can view at [www.commissiononhealth.org/HealthyPlaces.aspx](http://www.commissiononhealth.org/HealthyPlaces.aspx).

The Commission also offers some resources in [Beyond Health Care: New Directions to a Healthier America](#), which can be viewed at [www.commissiononhealth.org/Report.aspx?Publication=64498](http://www.commissiononhealth.org/Report.aspx?Publication=64498).

## ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION'S "TO BUILD A HEALTHIER AMERICA"



The [Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning](#) has posted the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Commission to Build a Healthier America publication on [Safe and Healthy Housing, Nutrition, and Early Childhood Development](#). Or go to [www.lead-safe.org](http://www.lead-safe.org) and choose "NEWS & EVENTS", or to view the Commission publications go to [rwjf.createsend2.com/T/ViewEmail/r/240D0079E9A3CD64/05B14393F9B7048E2540EF23F30FEDED](http://rwjf.createsend2.com/T/ViewEmail/r/240D0079E9A3CD64/05B14393F9B7048E2540EF23F30FEDED).

## LEAD-SAFE HOUSING POLICY GUIDANCE

The [Alliance for Healthy Homes](#) has a publication, Lead Safe Housing Policy Guidance that may be helpful to anyone developing a State lead law. It's available at [www.afhh.org/res/res\\_publications\\_LSHPGS.htm](http://www.afhh.org/res/res_publications_LSHPGS.htm).

## TWO ARTICLES IN THE JULY ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVES:

Elise Gould presents a cost-benefit analysis of lead hazard control on a national level, creating cost estimates of \$1.2 to \$11 billion to eliminate high-risk lead hazards and calculating benefits of \$192 to \$270 billion in avoided medical costs, special education costs, ADHD costs, and criminal activity, plus increased tax revenue and increased earnings. In the end, each dollar invested in lead hazard control results in a return of \$17 to \$221. You can view the article at [www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0800408/0800408.html](http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0800408/0800408.html). A story about the article is at [www.ehponline.org/docs/2009/117-7/ss.html#aluc](http://www.ehponline.org/docs/2009/117-7/ss.html#aluc).

Amir Miodovnik and Philip J. Landrigan comment on FDA's analysis of the risk posed from lead levels in vitamins, noting FDA used outdated assumptions and poor reasoning to declare all tested vitamins safe following reports in 2007 of lead contamination in some vitamins. You can view the article at [www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900573/0900573.html](http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900573/0900573.html).

## NSF CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

[NSF International](#) (National Sanitation Foundation) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that certifies products and writes standards for food, water, and consumer goods. You can visit them at [www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org).

Look for data on Water Treatment Units at [www.nsf.org/certified/dwtu/](http://www.nsf.org/certified/dwtu/).

Look for data on Low-Lead Plumbing Products at [www.nsf.org/business/mechanical\\_plumbing/annexg.asp?program=MechanicalPluSysCom](http://www.nsf.org/business/mechanical_plumbing/annexg.asp?program=MechanicalPluSysCom).

## BIO-INTEGRATED RESOURCE CENTER

Since 1979, [BIRC](http://www.birc.org) has specialized in finding non-toxic and least-toxic, integrated pest management (IPM) solutions to urban and agricultural pest problems. You can visit them at [www.birc.org](http://www.birc.org).

## MOMMYCAST VIDEO – THE HEALTHY HOME

[MommyCast](http://www.mommycast.com/2009/07/home-safe-home/) host, Gretchen, bravely opens her home for an evaluation by Rebecca Morley, the Executive Director of The National Center for Healthy Housing. Rebecca checks for the main elements of a healthy home: dry, clean, pest free, ventilated, contaminate free, and maintained, and shares where to check for potential problems. You can see the video at [www.mommycast.com/2009/07/home-safe-home/](http://www.mommycast.com/2009/07/home-safe-home/).

## ACCURACY OF LEAD LEVEL MEASUREMENT USING ORAL FLUIDS

Recently a less-invasive method to test for lead, with no trauma to the child, has been validated by laboratory analysis. Read about it at <https://www.gapha.org/gpha-section-chair-develops-revolutionary-lead-testing-procedure/>.

## THE COCHRANE COLLABORATION

The [Cochrane Collaboration](http://www.cochrane.org) is an international not-for-profit and independent organization, dedicated to making up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare readily available worldwide. The major product of the Collaboration is the **Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews** which is published quarterly as part of [The Cochrane Library](http://www.cochrane.org). The Cochrane Library is now available on podcasts at [www.cochrane.org/podcasts](http://www.cochrane.org/podcasts).

The April 2, 2008 podcast on Household interventions for prevention of domestic lead exposure in children is available at [www.cochrane.org/podcasts/review\\_summaries/2008issue2/issue2\\_2008\\_lead.html](http://www.cochrane.org/podcasts/review_summaries/2008issue2/issue2_2008_lead.html)

## STATE HEALTH FACTS

[Statehealthfacts.org](http://Statehealthfacts.org) is a project of the [Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](http://www.kff.org) and is designed to provide free, up-to-date, and easy-to-use health data on all 50 states. [Statehealthfacts.org](http://Statehealthfacts.org) provides data on more than 500 health topics and is linked to both the [Kaiser Family Foundation](http://www.kff.org) website at [www.kff.org](http://www.kff.org) and [KaiserNetwork.org](http://www.kaisernetwork.org) at [www.kaisernetwork.org](http://www.kaisernetwork.org).

## CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ANNOUNCEMENT

The CDC announced the launch of its new [Environmental Public Health Tracking Network](http://www.cdc.gov/ephtracking); a dynamic Web-based tool that tracks and reports environmental hazards and the health problems that may be related to them. Childhood lead poisoning and asthma are among the health conditions CDC's Tracking Network covers, while air and water quality are among the environmental indicators. You can view it all at [www.cdc.gov/ephtracking](http://www.cdc.gov/ephtracking).

## PREVENTING OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES TO LEAD AND NOISE AT INDOOR FIRING RANGES



Read the alert the CDC published on lead at firing ranges at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2009-136/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2009-136/).

## JULY 7, 2009 NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

CPSC begins to enforce child product lead paint ban with \$530,000 in total fines ranging from \$30K to \$100K. Read more about it at [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/09/09264.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/09/09264.html).

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTHY HOMES' ARTICLES ON LEAD DUST

[NCHH](http://www.nchh.org) has two articles on its website based on a 30 year review of NHANES data and dust data. You can view the articles at [www.nchh.org/Research/Archived-Research-Projects/Lead-Dust-and-Blood-Lead-Analysis-Using-NHANES-.aspx](http://www.nchh.org/Research/Archived-Research-Projects/Lead-Dust-and-Blood-Lead-Analysis-Using-NHANES-.aspx).

## STUDY: LEAD EXPOSURE AND BEHAVIOR AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN IN INDIA

[Environmental Healthy Perspectives](http://www.ehponline.org) has an article on lead exposure in children at <http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900625/0900625.pdf>.

## BONE-LEAD LEVELS AND MEMORY IMPAIRMENT IN OLDER ADULTS

[Science Direct](http://www.sciencedirect.com) has an abstract on the effects of lead in older adults at [dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.neuro.2009.05.007](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.neuro.2009.05.007).

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PRESERVATION BRIEFS

Read about "[Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief37.htm)" at [www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief37.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief37.htm).

Read about "[The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief09.htm)" at [www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief09.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief09.htm).

## PAINTERS' EXPOSURE TO LEAD DURING SURFACE PREPARATION

Read about a painter's potential exposure to lead at [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/olppp/Documents/aihcapp.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/olppp/Documents/aihcapp.pdf).

## OCCUPATIONAL KNOWLEDGE INT'L HAS CONSUMER LBP PAMPLETS IN MANY LANGUAGES

Check out [www.okinternational.org/lead\\_paint\\_resources.html](http://www.okinternational.org/lead_paint_resources.html) for your pamphlet needs.

## A LARGE JUDGEMENT IN A MISSISSIPPI LEAD POISONING LAWSUIT

See the AP Story on a lead poisoning lawsuit at [hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_LEAD\\_PAINT\\_VERDICT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_LEAD_PAINT_VERDICT), and read Sherwin-Williams' statement at [www.sunherald.com/458/story/1440314.html](http://www.sunherald.com/458/story/1440314.html).

## LEAD POISONING SETTLEMENT

From the June 13 issue of the Utica (NY) Observer-Dispatch: Four New York State siblings who were lead poisoned years ago settle a lawsuit against two of their former landlords for \$1.16 million. Read the article at [www.uticaod.com/homepage/x2085761468/Utica-family-awarded-more-than-1-million-for-lead-exposure](http://www.uticaod.com/homepage/x2085761468/Utica-family-awarded-more-than-1-million-for-lead-exposure).

## OTHER LINKS

[HUD's Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/) -- [www.hud.gov/offices/lead/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/)

[EPA](http://www.epa.gov/lead) -- [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

[OSHA](http://www.osha.gov) -- [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

[National Center for Healthy Housing](http://www.nchh.org/Home.aspx) -- [www.nchh.org/Home.aspx](http://www.nchh.org/Home.aspx)

[Alliance for Healthy Homes](http://www.afhh.org) -- [www.afhh.org](http://www.afhh.org)

[U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Product Recalls](http://cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html) -- [cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html](http://cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html)

LeadNet – international Listserv on lead and lead poisoning; to subscribe: [Leadnet-on@mail-list.com](mailto:Leadnet-on@mail-list.com)

[LeadNet Archives](http://archive.mail-list.com/leadnet) -- [archive.mail-list.com/leadnet](http://archive.mail-list.com/leadnet) (to search the archives).

The User Name and Password are case-sensitive.

User Name = leadnet

Password = lswp

[American Lead Poisoning Help Association](http://www.alphalead.org) -- [www.alphalead.org](http://www.alphalead.org) (For parents of a lead-poisoned child)

[My Children Have Lead Poisoning. Do Yours?](http://www.mychildrenhaveleadpoisoning.com) -- [www.mychildrenhaveleadpoisoning.com](http://www.mychildrenhaveleadpoisoning.com) (Tamara Rubin's (Portland, OR) website)