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— LEAD KIDS

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES II. 29. 99 Joe DiMaggio's Children Hospital, "Ten Critical Threats To America's Children")

Lead | Lead is found in the paints of most older houses and in drinking water. It is a major environmental health hazard for small children. In 1997, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that between 1991 and 1994, 900,000 children under the age of six in the U.S. were found to have elevated lead levels in their bloodstream.

Bev | Lead poisoning in children can lead to lowered intelligence, reading and learning disabilities, hearing problems, hyperactivity and reduced attention spans, and antisocial behavior. About 75 percent of the homes in America built before 1978 contain some lead paint.