Lead can be found throughout a child’s environment.

1. Homes built before 1978 (when lead-based paints were banned) probably contain lead-based paint.

2. Certain water pipes may contain lead.

3. When the paint peels and cracks, it makes lead dust. Children can be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.

4. Lead can be found in some products such as toys and toy jewelry.

5. Lead is sometimes in candies imported from other countries or traditional home remedies.

6. Certain jobs and hobbies involve working with lead-based products, like stain glass work, and may cause parents to bring lead into the home.