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About this Newsletter

This semi-annual newsletter provides information on lead poisoning prevention news and updates. All newsletters are available on our website at [DSHS.texas.gov/lead](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/lead).

About the Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

The Texas Department of State Health Services **Blood Lead Surveillance Branch (BLSB)** maintains a surveillance system of blood lead test results for children and adults. **BLSB's** goal is to eliminate lead as a public health problem in Texas by working with health, housing, and environmental organizations. With the support of communities throughout Texas, regional public health offices, and Texas healthcare workers, **BLSB** is working diligently toward a safer, healthier Texas.

What is Lead?

Lead is a highly toxic metal whose widespread commercial use has caused extensive environmental contamination and health problems in many parts of the world. In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint to reduce the amount of lead in the environment. If a home was built before 1978, there may be a chance it contains lead-based paint.



