

# Lead Poisoning

What you should know...

In Miami-Dade County:



- In 2006, there were 129 cases of lead poisoning in children under 7
- Nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of identified cases involved children under 2
- Lead-based paint was the most common source of lead poisoning

*See other side to learn how to prevent lead poisoning*

Data from the Miami-Dade County Injury Surveillance System



# Preventing Lead Poisoning in Children

- If your home was built before 1978, it may contain lead paint
- Keep children away from any peeling or damaged paint
- Wash your child's hands often, especially after playing in the dirt or on playground equipment
- Be cautious of imported toys, cookware, pottery, food or cosmetics
- Keep children away from soiled work clothes and tools used for plumbing or home renovation
- Check for toy recalls at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)
- Avoid home health remedies such as azarcon and greta, which contain lead

## Resources for Lead Safety:

Miami-Dade County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:  
(305)470-6877; [www.dadehealth.org/discontrol/DISCONTROLpoisoning.asp](http://www.dadehealth.org/discontrol/DISCONTROLpoisoning.asp)

Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Miami: (305)243-3928; [www.injuryfree.org](http://www.injuryfree.org)

