

Common Jobs, Hobbies & Other Sources of Lead

WORK - R E L A T E D

Construction

- Abrasive blasting
- Construction or repair of bridges, water towers, tanks
- Demolition work
- Lead abatement
- Painting- residential or commercial
- Renovation or remodeling
- Welding on metal structures

Painting

- Paint removal

Batteries

- Battery manufacturing
- Battery recycling
- Battery repair

Firearms or Ammunition

- Bullet reloading
- Bullet manufacturing
- Bullet trap cleaning
- Firearms instructor
- Firearms manufacturing
- Firing range operation and clean-up
- Target shooting

Metal Working

- Cable stripping
- Electronics soldering
- Lead burning
- Metal casting or other foundry work
- Metal grinding, polishing or buffing
- Metal smelting or refining
- Plating or electroplating
- Scrap metal processing or recycling
- Soldering
- Stained glass work

Automobile

- Auto body painting and repair
- Auto scrap yard
- Radiator manufacturing
- Radiator repair

Miscellaneous

- Adhesive, sealant or lubricant manufacturing
- Aircraft part manufacturing or assembly
- Furniture stripping
- Glaze, frit manufacturing
- Pottery or ceramics manufacturing
- Ship repair
- X-ray or radiation shielding manufacture, fabrication, or installation

NOT WORK - R E L A T E D

Hobbies

- Auto body repair
- Bullet reloading
- Casting lead, e.g., fishing sinkers or bullets
- Jewelry making
- Painting or remodeling a home
- Painting pictures with artist's paint
- Refinishing old furniture
- Soldering of any kind (pipes or electronics)
- Stained glass work
- Target shooting
- Using lead glazes for ceramics
- Welding or torch cutting

Other sources

- Beauty products such as kohl eye make-up, certain hair dyes
- Folk remedies or traditional medicines (e.g., azarcon, greta, pay-loo-ah, kandu)
 - Ayurvedic remedies
- Food contaminated with lead, such as Mexican candies, chapulines, spices (e.g. imported turmeric, curry, spice blends)
- Imported brass or bronze kettles, cookware
- Lead-glazed table or cookware
- Peeling lead-based paint
- Pica (eating lead-containing nonfood items, e.g., ceramic, plaster or paint chips, soil)
- Retained lead bullet or fragments

NOTE: This is not a complete list of known sources of lead. For questions about lead in the workplace, call Luz Kirsch at OLPPP at (510) 620-5729; fax (510) 620-5748.