

Beware of Paint Flakes; They Can Cause Poisoning

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Even if it's shallow, a bank the base cabinet unit, finish- ing it clear, but staining the ing above is a boon to the cabinetwork a contrasting storage-tight home. They can deep black-brown shade.

Parents of small children living in older dwellings that have crumbling and flaking painted surfaces are urged to scrape and sandpaper the surfaces before their children can nibble on them, advises the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association.

Sometimes such misdirected appetites (called "pica" by physicians) can cause lead poisoning, if the nibbling occurs over a considerable period of time, producing a chronic condition.

Lead poisoning from paint does not occur in buildings where lead paint repainting every few years. Repainting does it happen when modern paints are used.

For the past 100 years paint manufacturers have constantly been reducing the lead content of paints to completely safe levels.

The lead was most commonly found in the pigments that were used to color the paints.

Today's interior paints are well within the one per cent lead content level accepted as safe by medical and governmental authorities. Even when they become old no lead hazard arises.

Old buildings in depressed areas are chief offenders. A strong campaign has been set on foot in many cities to require lead tests to repaint them. Short of that, scraping and sandpapering are a "must."

At the very least, parents should keep children away from the flaking, peeling, crumbling and chipped spots. Children, usually under five with indiscriminate appetites, eat this paint as they chew on windowills, railings, stairways and walls.

The association points out that the symptoms of lead poisoning—stomach-ache, headache, vomiting, fatigue — may be confused with other illnesses. The

best advice to parents is during the content of lead in paint, educating parents, and subsidizing medical investigation into the illness.

NPEVA has also published the pamphlet "How to Prevent Lead Poisoning in the Home" in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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