**Hobbies that place your children at risk:**

- Making lead bullets
- Use of lead fishing weights/sinkers
- Practicing at indoor firing ranges
- Making lead soldiers
- Soldering stained glass
- Remodeling old houses
- Stripping and painting homes for friends
- Refinishing old furniture

**West Virginia Poison Center Emergency Line:**

1-800-222-1222

Emergency line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Hobbies............**

What you should know to keep your family safe from the dangers of lead poisoning.

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**Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health**
LEAD INFORMATION NUMBER: 1-800-642-9522

Operating hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday

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**POISON Help**

1-800-222-1222
Lead Poisoning

How would my child get lead poisoning?

- Stripping and sanding old paint creates lead dust that your children can inhale or eat if the dust is on their hands.
- Children eat lead when they put lead fishing sinkers/weights in their mouths.

Prevention of Lead Poisoning:

- Keep the hobby area away from the main living area of the house.
- Do not let children play in the hobby area.
- After working with lead, change your clothes before entering the living areas of the house. Do not wash the clothes with the regular household laundry.
- Do not let children put lead fishing weight/sinkers in their mouths.
- The prevention of lead poisoning is especially important for young girls. Girls exposed to lead can pass lead poisoning to their children during pregnancy.

Symptoms of Lead Poisoning:

- There may be none that you can easily see. Therefore, all children less than 6 years old should have their blood tested for lead.
- Some symptoms include:
  1. Changes in behavior
  2. Stomach pains
  3. Constipation

The West Virginia Poison Center

The West Virginia Poison Center (WVPC) provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention, and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Each call to the poison center is answered by a Specialist in Poison Information who is specially trained in the management of poisoning emergencies.

The WVPC offers assessment and emergency treatment advice on accidental exposures to medications and household substances, plant ingestions, snake, spider and other insect bites and stings, chemical spills, occupational exposures, and drug overdoses.

For more information on poison safety or to order educational materials, call the Administrative Office at (304) 347-1212 or visit our website at:

http://www.wvpoisoncenter.org