The facts are as follows:

Homes and child-occupied facilities are presumed to contain lead-based paint if constructed prior to 1978.

Paint that is deteriorated can create lead dust. Children can be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.

Children under age 6 and pregnant women are the most vulnerable to lead’s health effects.

Pipes that drinking water flows through may contain lead.

Adults whose jobs and hobbies involve working with lead or lead-containing products can unknowingly bring lead into the home.

Merchandise such as toys, toy jewelry, cosmetics, painted china and imported goods sometimes contain lead.

For more information about lead visit doe.dc.gov/lead or call the Lead-Safe and Healthy Housing Division at 202-535-2600.