

In this well child visit scenario, Mrs. Sanders has brought her son Wyatt in for his 18 month check-up.

Dr. Wilbur notices on the intake form that the Sanders have recently moved. When the doctor congratulates Mrs. Sanders on the purchase of their new home, Mrs. Sanders tells him doctor they've purchased an older Victorian home and plan to renovate it.

Dr. Wilbur explains that there're many precautions her family should take with an older home especially when renovating it. He says that most homes built before 1978 contain lead paint. Exposure to lead paint is harmful to a child's developing brain,

Dr. Wilbur reviews the dangers of lead from chipped paint on the walls and window sills, and Volatile Organic Compound fumes when new paint is applied.

The doctor also discusses the danger of lead contaminated dust that results from sanding the chipped lead based paint. He says that lead paint should never be sanded, but rather be covered up with new paint, wallpaper or other wall covering.

The doctor cautions that lead contaminated dust can even be found outside where children may play, such as in the soil near the home.

Dr. Wilbur explains that there's a lot of information available on lead safety, such as tips and precautions for renovation, in both the Toolkit, as well as from sources such as the EPA and local departments of health.

The Toolkit's reference card provides you with anticipatory guidance you can deliver to your patients.

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