

# Battery Manufacturing Plants

## Preventing Your Family's Exposure to Take-Home Lead

### How Do I Expose Others?

You cannot see lead dust. It can settle in areas where you drink and eat, in your car, furniture and carpet, your hands, face, and clothes and shoes you wear home from your job. If your hands and face are not washed properly before you eat and you have been handling lead contaminated materials, you can accidentally ingest some lead dust. It can stick to your skin, clothes, and shoes. Lead dust can transfer from your clothing and shoes onto other surfaces in your home, exposing members of your family. Clothing worn home from work may contain lead dust that can contaminate others' clothing if they are not washed separately.

### How Do I Reduce My Family's Exposure to Lead?



Remove shoes before entering the home to avoid tracking take-home lead throughout the house.



Shower and wash your hair at the end of your shift and change into clean clothes before you leave work and get into your car to go home. Put any dirty clothing worn during work (i.e., undergarments) into a plastic bag.



Keep clothing worn during work separate and wash separate from other clothes. Run the empty washing machine to rinse out any lead left behind from clothing.



Clean the interior of the vehicle often. Use a HEPA filter vacuum to clean upholstery and carpet. Wet clean hard surfaces using all-purpose cleaning detergent using disposable paper towels.



Frequently clean using a wet mop, sponge, or cloth with warm soapy water on hard surfaces to remove take-home lead within the home.



Be sure to wash your hands often, especially children, after being outside, before eating, and before bedtime.

### Where Do I Find More Information?

For information concerning child lead exposure, monitoring, environmental and child blood lead testing visit the **Georgia Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** at [dph.ga.gov/lead](http://dph.ga.gov/lead).

To learn information concerning work-related injuries, illnesses, and hazards in Georgia for adults with elevated blood lead levels visit the **Georgia Occupational Health Surveillance Program** at [dph.georgia.gov/Georgia-occupational-health-and-safety-surveillance-program](http://dph.georgia.gov/Georgia-occupational-health-and-safety-surveillance-program).

For blood lead testing for your child, contact your child's doctor or your primary care physician for questions about screening.