

Lead in Fishing Sinkers

Did you know that



Lead in fishing sinkers can make it hard for keiki to talk, learn, and sit still.

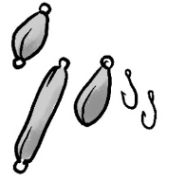
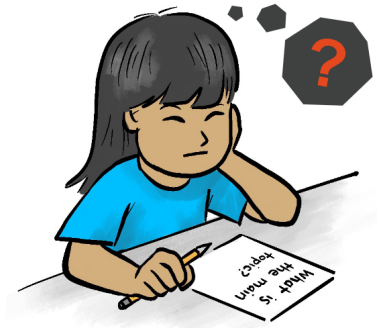


Lead dust from fishing sinkers can stick to tackle boxes, tables, and other surfaces.



Even a little lead can hurt a keiki's growth and development. Keiki can get lead from fishing sinkers in their bodies when they:

- Put fishing sinkers in their mouths.
- Bite lead split shot sinkers to close them.
- Touch sinkers then eat or put their hands in their mouths.
- Handle tackle boxes and gear covered with lead dust.



Melting Lead is Very Dangerous

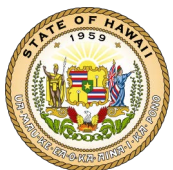
Lead fumes and lead dust are hazardous to both keiki and adults. Your home, garage, clothes, and yard can get covered with lead. Many keiki in Hawaii have been poisoned because of casting lead sinkers. Melting lead is not safe to do at home.

What Can You Do?



- Don't melt lead or cast sinkers near where keiki live or play.
- Don't let keiki play with or mouth lead sinkers.
- Store your tackle box and fishing gear out of reach.
- Wash keiki's hands well with soap and water after handling lead sinkers, especially before eating or putting hands in their mouths.
- Use lead-free sinkers and tackle.
- Learn more easy ways to keep keiki smart, healthy, and lead-free at Lead.Hawaii.gov or call **808-733-9012**.

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