EXAMPLES OF LEAD FISHING SINKERS

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INFORMATION





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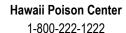


Center for Disease Control and Prevention

http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/

Consumer Product Safety Commission

http://www.cpsc.gov/





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FISHING FOR ANSWERS ABOUT LEAD



A guide on how to avoid exposing your child to lead fishing sinkers

LEAD IN LEAD FISHING SINKERS MAY BE HARMFUL TO YOUNG CHILDREN

Lead exposure affects young children Lead exposure is harmful to young children because their bodies are still developing and absorb more lead. The most common way children are exposed is by swallowing or

breathing in lead.

problems in school.

NO amount of lead in the body is safe Your child may not seem sick, but lead can still affect their health and brain development. Lead poisoning can damage your child's hearing and speech. It can also cause learning and behavior

DO NOT let your child put fishing sinkers in their mouth

Keep your keiki safe from fishing sinkers:

- DO NOT let young children play with lead fishing sinkers
- Never leave lead fishing sinkers where your child can reach them
- If your child touches a lead fishing sinker, wash your child's hands and face immediately



Keep children and pregnant women away from work areas where lead fishing sinkers are made

- <u>DO NOT</u> melt lead inside your home
- If you or someone in your home works with lead, shower and change clothes before entering the home.
- Wash clothes exposed to lead separately from the rest of your family's laundry.

Should your child be tested for lead?

- The only way to know if your child has been exposed is by a blood lead test.
- Have your child screened for lead by 12 months of age, and again at 24 months.
- If you are pregnant and may be exposed to lead, you should be screened for lead exposure to ensure the health of your unborn baby.



Example of Lead Fishing Sinkers