



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 19-25, 2025

- WHEREAS,** *Lead poisoning remains a serious environmental health concern, particularly for young children; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Even low levels of lead in children's blood can cause irreversible damage to the brain and nervous system, leading to learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and other adverse health effects; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust are the most common sources of lead exposure in homes built before 1978; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Effective prevention strategies, including lead hazard reduction, blood lead screening, and public education, are crucial to protecting children from lead poisoning; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Lead Poisoning Prevention Week provides an important opportunity to raise awareness about the dangers of lead, promote preventative actions, and encourage collaboration among communities, health professionals, and government agencies; and*
- WHEREAS,** *All citizens are urged to learn about the dangers of lead, take steps to prevent lead exposure in their homes, and support efforts to eliminate lead poisoning from our communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is committed to reducing lead exposure from housing through providing lead abatement funding statewide.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 19-25, 2025 as LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 19th day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-five

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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State