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Lead in Aviation Gas



WHAT IS AVIATION GAS?

Aviation gas is a fuel commonly used by small, piston-engine (propeller or rotary) aircraft and is the last transportation fuel containing lead in the U.S.

Lead from aviation gas emissions pollutes the air. Lead dust from these emissions can be found in neighborhoods around airports, settling on soil and other objects that people may touch.

WHY IS THIS A CONCERN?

Lead is a toxic metal and can be especially harmful to children as their bodies are still rapidly growing. Lead poisoning can lead to lifelong learning, behavioral, reproductive, heart, and other health problems.

HOW CAN I KEEP MY FAMILY SAFE?



Wet-wipe surfaces when cleaning



Ask your child's doctor about a blood lead test, especially if you live near an airport that uses these aircraft



Remove shoes before entering homes



Wash your child's hands often



Cover exposed soil

For more information about childhood lead poisoning, visit www.CDPH.ca.gov/programs/clppb or contact:



Dear Mr. Keller*,

Thank you for calling the California Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, and for your interest in the 'Lead in Aviation Gas' flyer. Our local health jurisdiction programs across the state were provided printed copies of the flyer for distribution in neighborhoods surrounding airports that use leaded aviation gas. The flyers may also be distributed during outreach activities to the public, child care providers, health care providers, and collaborative partners. Community resources and a digital copy of the flyer are available on CLPPB's Lead in Aviation Gas web page, and printed copies may be requested through local programs. The contact information for local programs can be found on our Index of Local Programs web page.

Please let us know if we may provide additional assistance.

Thank you,

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/Pages/AviationGas.aspx>

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