



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

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TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION,
MEDICAL DIRECTORS

RE: EXPOSURE HAZARDS OF LEAD

Attached please find a brochure which outlines the exposure hazards of lead, symptoms of lead poisoning, recommended blood lead testing regimens, and a list of the occupational health clinics affiliated with the New York State Department of Health.

As you may know, lead exposure is common during renovation projects in correctional facilities and could cause serious lead poisoning to employees, contractors and/or inmates if protective measures are not followed. Many corrections and police force employees regularly teach, train or recreate at indoor firing ranges. Airborne lead fume generated from lead bullets and primers have contributed significantly to many individuals elevated blood lead levels.

The Bureau of Occupational Health's Industrial Hygiene Section has worked with many companies, municipalities and individuals to reduce and eliminate lead exposure hazards. Please contact the Bureau of Occupational Health of the New York State Department of Health if you have any questions in developing or implementing your lead protection guidelines.

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