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Web site
to check out:

[http://fcs.tennessee.edu/
healthsafety/lead.htm](http://fcs.tennessee.edu/healthsafety/lead.htm)

Extension's Childhood
Lead Poisoning Prevention

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Children's Toys and Jewelry Recalled Due to Lead Poisoning

Recently, the media has reported that lead has been found in many children's toys and jewelry. Since the beginning of summer, over 2.5 million toys have been recalled. In June, 1.5 million Thomas & Friends wooden trains and accessories were recalled. In August, 950,000 toys were recalled from Fisher-Price and 253,000 from Mattel. Since May, over three quarters of a million pieces of jewelry have been recalled due to lead.

While these recalls are important, it is still important to know the facts about the dangers of lead poisoning. The most common cause of lead poisoning in children under the age of six is through lead-based paint. The dust from the paint is the biggest danger of all. Parents should have their children tested for lead at their child's 12 month and 24 month checkups and any other time they think their child may have been exposed. If a child comes back with an elevated blood lead level, then parents should look for the source of the lead and try to remove it without causing more harm.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Orders

With all the latest recalls and media attention, now is the time to stock up on lead poisoning incentives. Many health fairs will be scheduled in the coming months and lead poisoning information needs to be at these fairs. If you would like to order materials, please let me know and I can send you an order form. Examples of items we have are pens, pencils, notepads, bandage holders, and test kits.

Also remember to write a short article about your event and I will post it in the next newsletter. If you have a picture, I will try to include that as well.

Recalled Toys and Jewelry

Please check out the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Web site about the recalls. This is one place to find all the recalls. This site is updated daily as new recalls are posted with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. I have attached the Web site in the column to the left.