

AT THE SAFE HOUSE, FAMILIES FIND COMFORT, SUPPORT AND EXPERT HEALTHCARE UNDER ONE ROOF. THE TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IS A SAFE PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO RESIDE AS THEIR LEAD-CONTAMINATED HOMES ARE BEING RESTORED.



LEARN MORE

At Montefiore, we are doing more to keep families in our community healthy and safe. The Lead Poisoning Prevention and Treatment Program at Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) provides medical treatment, educational resources, research and awareness training focused on the prevention and management of lead poisoning.



For more information or to apply for residence at the Safe House, call **718-547-2789** or email



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Discover more about the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Treatment Program at **cham.org/leadprogram**.

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THE LEAD POISONING TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Lead Poisoning Treatment and Prevention Program at Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) provides temporary housing, blood lead testing, patient care and family services to assist lead-poisoned children in New York City and Westchester.

LEAD POISONING: GREATEST ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT TO AMERICA'S CHILDREN

Did you know that lead poisoning is the number-one environmental illness confronting America's children? Lead poisoning harms more young girls and boys than any other environmental disease. Yet, by taking the proper precautions, lead poisoning is 100 percent preventable.

In New York City, thousands of children are suffering from the harmful effects of lead poisoning. To provide treatment and care, families need the help of experts who understand the impact lead exposure can have on children's health and development, and who can provide education, training and resources to keep families safe and healthy.

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WHERE SHOULD YOU GO WHEN YOUR HOME IS CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD?

The Lead Poisoning Prevention and Treatment Program at CHAM, which is New York's only comprehensive program for lead-poisoned children, provides resources such as the Safe House to help local families to address this health crisis.

At the Safe House, families find comfort, support and expert healthcare under one roof. The temporary residence is a safe place for families to reside as their lead-contaminated homes are being restored. Children can attend local schools, and adults can continue working while staying at the Safe House residence.

The Safe House is located in the northwest Bronx, near CHAM. It's open to families from New York City and Westchester County. The residence enables families to get the help they need to restore their homes and improve their children's health and well-being. Our environmental health experts offer medical care, nutritional counseling, education and community advocacy as well as expeditious initiatives to implement home repairs of lead-based paint.

Our program helps families end the cycle in which their children are repeatedly exposed to lead dust, chips or other poisonous lead contaminants. With Safe House staff support, homes are decontaminated and made safe for the family's return. Stays in the Safe House usually average one month. Without this vital advocacy by Safe House staff members, the home de-leading process can potentially take up to several years to complete. Our goal is to help families return to safe and healthy home environments as quickly as possible.

WHAT IS THE SAFE HOUSE?

- A safe place to play.
- A safe place to eat.
- A safe place to sleep.
- A safe and healing place for children



TRAINING PARENTS TO PREVENT LEAD POISONING

Due to their experience, many former Safe House residents become anti-lead advocates in their neighborhoods when they return home. What they learn from the Safe House staff during their temporary stay and from the educational programs available in our Lead Clinic, where their children are treated, enables them to educate others about the dangers of lead poisoning. They can help other families protect their children in their homes, schools and play areas.

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