



THE SAFE  
PAINT QUEST

THE JOURNEY TO A LEAD-FREE PLACE

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*'Protecting our future, one child at a time.  
Say no to lead, let every little dream shine.'*



Once upon a time, in a colorful land filled with houses and buildings, there lived a group of happy paint cans.







They loved to spread their bright colors on the walls and make everything look beautiful.









But one day, the paint cans noticed that some of the houses and buildings were making the people living in them very sick.











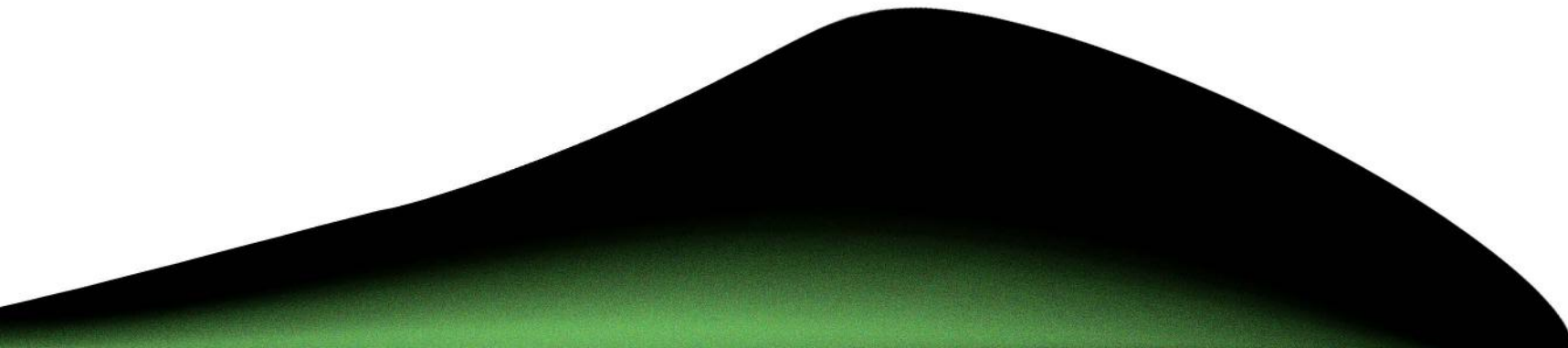
The paint cans went to visit the wise  
old master painter, who was known  
for his knowledge about paint.







The paint cans asked the painter  
why some houses were making  
the people living in them sick.









The painter told them that it was because of a dangerous ingredient in the paint called lead.







LEAD





Lead is a metal that can be found in some old paints. It can be harmful to people, especially young children, if they are exposed to it for a long time.







The painter explained that lead can make people feel very tired, have trouble paying attention, and even make them very sick.









The paint cans were shocked to learn about the dangers of lead. They knew they had to do something to help keep people safe.





OH  
NO!





They decided to spread the word about lead hazards in paint to everyone they met. They told the builders, the painters, and the families living in the houses and buildings.







Now you know,  
lead is not safe!



The builders, painters, and families listened to the paint cans and worked together to make sure that all the houses and buildings were free of lead paint.








We  
can work  
together!







They used special paint that did not have lead in it, and they made sure to properly remove any old paint that did contain lead.





We're  
Lead  
Free



The paint cans were happy to see that the people in the houses and buildings were no longer getting sick. They knew that by spreading the word about lead hazards in paint, they had helped make the colorful land a safer place for everyone to live.







Keep  
Spreading  
the word!



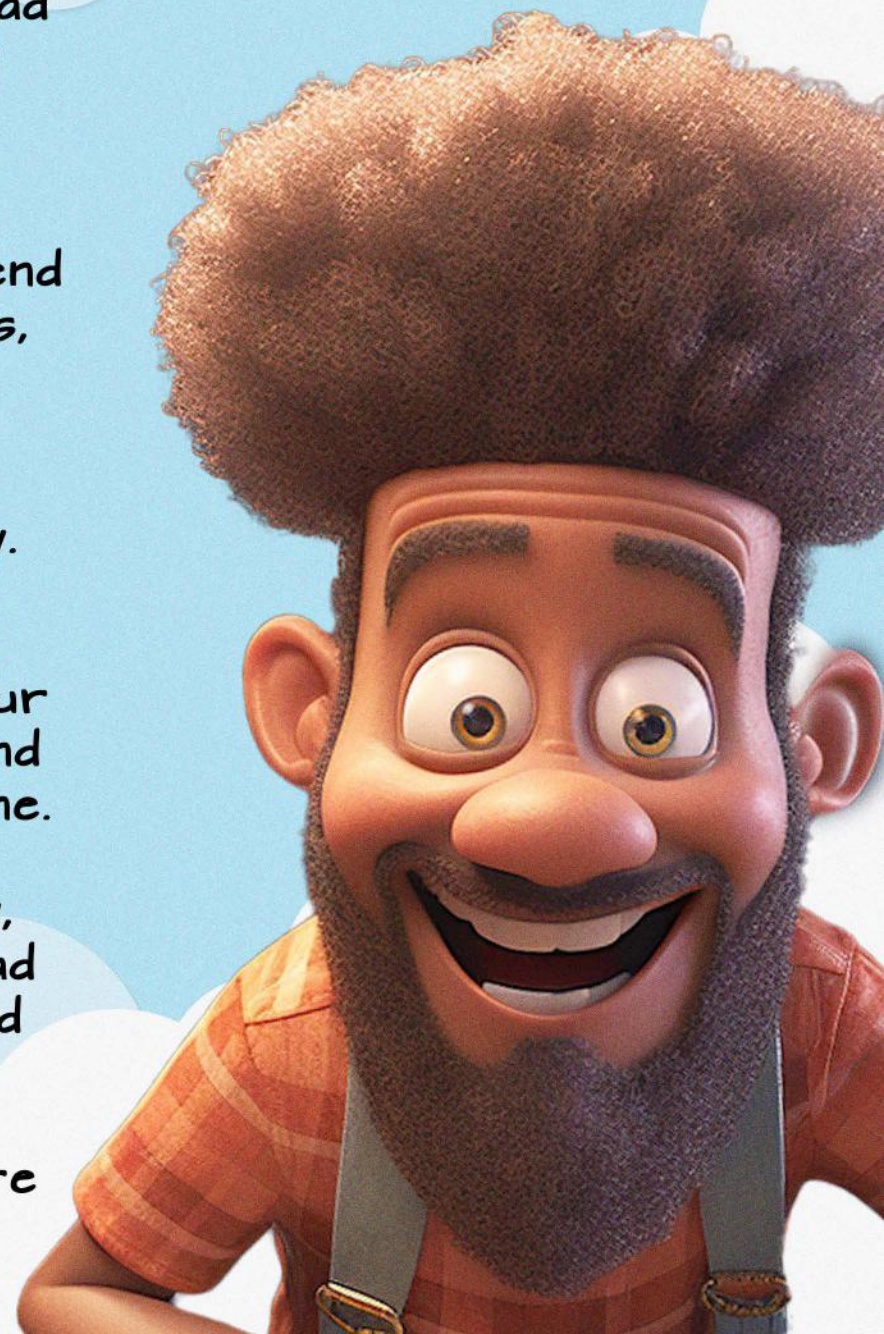
And so, our brave paint cans, along with the builders, painters, and families, worked together to make the colorful land a safer place. They spread the word about lead hazards in paint, and many houses and buildings were made free of this harmful ingredient.

But remember, dear readers, the story doesn't end here. Lead hazards may still exist in some places, waiting to be discovered and addressed. It's important for all of us to stay vigilant and informed. If you ever see old paint that looks cracked or chipping, tell a grown-up right away.

By learning about lead hazards and sharing this knowledge, we can help protect ourselves and our loved ones. Together, we can keep our homes and our colorful world safe and healthy for everyone.

So, let's remember the lessons from this story, and always keep an eye out for the signs of lead hazards. The adventure to create a safer world continues!

The end... and a new beginning of being lead-aware superheroes!





## Remember:

**Wash your hands:** often: Remember to wash your hands with soap and water before eating and after playing outside or touching anything dirty. This helps to remove any lead that may be on your hands.

**Eat healthy foods:** Eat lots of fruits and vegetables, like apples, carrots, and broccoli. These foods have vitamins that can protect you from lead. Try to avoid eating too many sweets or junk food.

**Drink clean water:** Always drink water from a clean and safe source. If you are unsure about the water, ask an adult to check it for you. It's better to drink from a water bottle or a filtered source if you're not sure.

**Play safely:** Have fun playing, but be careful with old or peeling paint. If you see any chipped paint, don't touch or eat it. Let an adult know right away, so they can fix it. Play on grass or clean surfaces to avoid touching dust or dirt that may have lead in it.

**Tell an adult:** If you ever find something that looks like old paint chips or dust, let an adult know immediately. They will take care of it and keep you safe.

Remember, it's important to take these steps to keep yourself healthy and strong. Lead can be harmful, but by being aware and taking simple precautions, you can protect yourself and have a bright future ahead.