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A: LEAD Group DIY-sampling and lab analysis test kits enable you to collect samples and send them to a NATA-accredited lab for accurate analysis. The LEAD Group receives the results from the lab and tells you what they mean – including what to do to make your family, pets, veggies and chooks lead-safe!

Q: Who are The LEAD Group?



A: The Lead Education and Abatement Design (LEAD) Group Incorporated is a registered health promotion charity with an environmental protection fund (the Lead Education and Abatement Fund or [LEAF](#)) which aims to make the world lead-safe by 2041!

The LEAD Group Inc charity was founded in 1990 by three families in inner Sydney who set about building a Technical Advisory Board of professors, doctors and other experts on all aspects of lead, and advocating for the phase-out of leaded petrol (achieved 2002), an end to the addition of lead to paints (achieved for residential paint in 1997 and all other paints in 2010), more blood lead testing (local blood lead studies were achieved in 1992 and a national child study in 1996), reduced blood lead “action” levels (achieved in 1993 and made even more stringent in 2015 and for lead workers in 2017), and regulatory protection, for example, for renters and buyers, from ignorance about potentially lead-contaminated homes (not yet achieved) accompanied by a huge increase in environmental testing for lead (achieved since 2007 when we started selling LEAD Group Kits). See the long list of [Our Team](#), which is headed by Lead Scientist, Lead Advisor and LEAD Group co-Founder, Elizabeth O’Brien (pictured, photo by Peter



Kozaitis).



Q: How many LEAD Group Kits have been sold to date?

A: After developing excellent individualised advice based on test results organised by expensive consultants or hygienists who had never been trained to sample appropriately to protect children, The LEAD Group has sold more than 1,000 LEAD Group Kits over the last 13 years and helped over 37,000 callers with free advice in 117,000 calls since 1990. Most commonly the Comprehensive Kit is purchased, which allows you to understand lead results on 8 samples of any combination of sample types that you choose: water samples, paint chips, dust wipes, soil, ceiling dust, vacuum dust, eggs, toys, ceramicware, jewellery, etc.

Q: How have people been helped by LEAD Group Kits?

A: Many people have been able to reduce their family blood lead levels by testing with a LEAD Group Kit. When people buy a Kit and test samples before they begin a renovation, they can achieve complete prevention of lead poisoning and lead contamination from that renovation, and also can follow the advice that comes with the results to do lead abatement like covering over lead-contaminated soil or removing lead-contaminated carpets and replacing them with wet-cleanable hard flooring. Tenants have used the Kit results to be able to leave a lead-contaminated home before the lease is up, or, in better circumstances, to convince the owner to safely clean up lead issues. Poultry-keepers have been helped to reduce their egg lead levels. Toy and Ceramics importers have been able to determine whether toys or dishes comply with the heavy metals levels in the Mandatory Toy Standard and Ceramicware Standard before importing in bulk. Ceiling dust removal contractors, builders and paint contractors have been able to convince home-owners of the need to carry out lead-safe work. People who have new taps, pumps or plumbing have been able to determine whether they need to replace any of the plumbing system in order to achieve non-detectable levels of lead in their drinking water. A couple of unusual sources of lead exposure were revealed by LEAD Group Kits in the articles:



[“Why I tested my chicken broth for lead using a LEAD Group Water Kit”](#) and

[“Deleading with healthy lifestyle interventions: Lead detox with saunas, lemon, garlic, greens, etc after eradicating potential current lead exposure”](#).



Q: Where can I buy LEAD Group Kits?

A: Currently, at

<https://leadsafeworld.com/shop/> but later this year (2020) at

<https://leadtestresults.info> - where you'll be able to search a database of thousands of de-identified Kit results from all over Australia.

And read about the Kits in the May 2020 issue of LEAD Action News: [“Lockdown, DIY and Lead”](#).



Volcano Art Prize

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/how-to-collect-a-dust-wipe-sample-from-carpet/>

Q: Where can I see some films on how to collect some sample types and photos about LEAD Group Kits?

A: at The LEAD Group's film and photo competition Volcano Art Prize site, for example:

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/the-lead-group-kits-dust-wipe-in-action/> and