



## Loan Equipment

Industrial vacuum cleaners are loaned to community members for such tasks as cleaning up after renovations. Thick plastic sheeting should be used for isolating rooms which are being renovated in order to reduce contaminated dust filtering into other parts of the house.

## For more information

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[www.health.sa.gov.au](http://www.health.sa.gov.au)  
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# Services we provide



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## Environmental Health Centre (EHC)

EHC is a free community service which can help you understand the issues about lead.

- > We offer services to monitor and maintain low blood lead levels
- > We recommend that pregnant women, babies and children under the age of four have regular blood lead tests
- > Contact the staff at the EHC during business hours for any enquiries or concerns you may have.

## Blood Lead Testing

Blood lead testing is available for:

Port Pirie residents, at risk groups including babies, pre-school children, pregnant women and women planning a pregnancy. People in the community who are undertaking activities which may put them at risk of lead exposure (e.g. home renovations) can also request a blood lead test at the Environmental Health Centre. Blood lead tests are taken by a simple finger prick. The blood is then sent to the laboratory for analysis.



## Community Services

Families of children with elevated blood lead levels are given individual counselling.

This includes providing the families with strategies for reducing their child's risk of exposure and absorption of lead.

Testing of dust, paint and soils for lead contamination is carried out for those families who are identified as being at risk.

## Health Promotion

Health Promotion is carried out in order to raise the level of awareness within the community in regard to living safely with lead.

Health Promotion activities include:

- > Planning & co-ordinating education sessions
- > Community events
- > Displays
- > Public educational activities.

Programs include:

- > Breakfast clubs
- > Parenting groups e.g. Rattles & Rhymes
- > Antenatal sessions
- > Nutrition education.



## Research & Monitoring

Monitoring of lead in air levels is carried out routinely in Port Pirie. This enables long term trends to be monitored.

EHC conducts research into the sources and pathways of lead. This information can then be used to reduce the risk of exposure and absorption of lead in the community.