FACT: LEAD IS TOXIC

It is harmful to everyone and damages:

- Brain
- Kidneys
- Liver
- Blood
- Reproductive system

Young children are most vulnerable. Their nervous systems are still developing and they absorb 4-5 times more than adults, which can cause:

- Intellectual disability
- Underperforming at school
- Behavioural issues

In adults, lead exposure increases the risk of:

- Ischaemic heart disease
- Stroke

In pregnant women, lead exposure damages many organs but also affects:

- The developing foetus

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LEAD EXPOSURE CAN OCCUR THROUGH...

Inhalation of particles released by industry or recycling

Ingestion of contaminated soil or dust from decaying lead paint – particularly when children play on the ground and put toys or fingers in their mouths

Lead-containing products such as lead-glazed ceramics and some traditional medicines or cosmetics

Food or water contaminated with lead
There is no safe level of lead exposure

LEAD PAINT MUST GO
The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint says that all countries should ban lead paint by 2020

FACT: As of June 2016, only 1/3 of countries have legally binding controls on lead paint

KEY
Countries with legally binding controls on lead paint as of 30 June 2016
- No
- Yes
- No Data
- Not Applicable

THAT’S WHY
GOVERNMENTS + INDUSTRY + CONSUMERS
Must work together to ensure all paint is free from added lead by 2020

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