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

#BanLeadPaint

World Health Organization
LEAD PAINT MUST GO

The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint says that all countries should ban lead paint by 2020.

FACT: As of July 2018, only 36% of countries have legally binding controls on lead paint.

KEY
Countries with legally binding controls on lead paint as of 31 July 2018
- Red: No
- Blue: Yes
- White: No Data
- Light Gray: 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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