



Don't go fishing for trouble!

Prevent lead exposure.

Exposure to lead can damage the brain, nervous system, kidneys, and immune system. Lead is especially harmful to children and pregnant people.

Fishing sinkers and tackle may be made from lead, which can put you and others at risk.

Reel in these tips to keep fishing safe, healthy, and fun:



- Lead dust from sinkers and weights can contaminate tackle boxes, tables, and work areas.
- Always wash your hands after handling lead sinkers or cleaning out your tackle box.
- Never bite down on a split shot sinker or put a lead sinker in your mouth to tie off your line. Use pliers.
- Consider using non-lead tackle alternatives such as stainless steel, tin, bismuth, and tungsten.
- Never throw old fishing gear in the water or leave it on shore. Lead can leach over time contaminating water sources, wildlife areas, and harming birds and other animals.
- Discard old lead sinkers and jigs at local hazardous waste collection sites.
- Keep your work area clean and well ventilated if you are casting lead sinkers. Keep children out of work areas with lead.

Spend your
free time
fishing
lead-free!

