

Children's Environmental Health

News

Learning the Hard Way: The Poor Environment of America's Schools

More than 14 million U.S. children attend schools with an environmental problem. Threats include exposure to molds, toxic fungi, pesticides, volatile organic compounds, airborne asbestos, and lead. Few federal laws currently protect students from such threats, but several states have adopted measures that address these issues.

J. Wakefield, EHP, vol. 110, no. 6, June 2002

Caution—Children at Play: How Dangerous Is CCA?

Chromated copper arsenate (CCA) is used to treat various types of wood including much that is used to build children's playsets. But is it safe to use? Should special precautions be taken for children who play near it? And what are the environmental risks of disposing of CCA-treated wood?

S. Fields, EHP, vol. 109, no. 6, June 2001

Disturbing Behavior: Neurotoxic Effects in Children

Twelve million American children suffer from learning, developmental, or behavioral disabilities. Specifically, these disabilities may include attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, learning disabilities, mental retardation, and other neurobehavioral problems. And the prevalence of some of these disabilities may be increasing.

M. May, EHP, vol. 108, no. 6, June 2000

The Lead Effect?

For years, mothers have been telling pediatricians that their children changed after being exposed to toxic lead. Science has since proven what moms first observed—lead is now known to be associated with cognitive impairment, learning disabilities, and behaviors that contribute to the likelihood of dropping out of high school.

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