

CHARLIE

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EPA's Charlie Chipmunk
is dedicated to keeping
all children lead-free

A message to parents, grandparents and care givers:

This story teaches children how to be lead-safe.

Lead dust from cracking or peeling paint can poison children.

Children under six are in greatest danger because they may play on floors or dirt which may contain lead dust and they tend to put their hands in or near their mouths. It only takes a tiny amount of lead dust to poison a child.

A lead poisoned child may complain of headaches or stomachaches or may just not act right. The only way to tell if your child is lead poisoned is to have his or her blood tested as early as possible.

You can help your child be lead-safe by making sure he or she washes their hands before eating and before bedtime. Also, feeding them foods high in calcium or iron and low in fat help keep lead from being absorbed.

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Charlie Goes to Town

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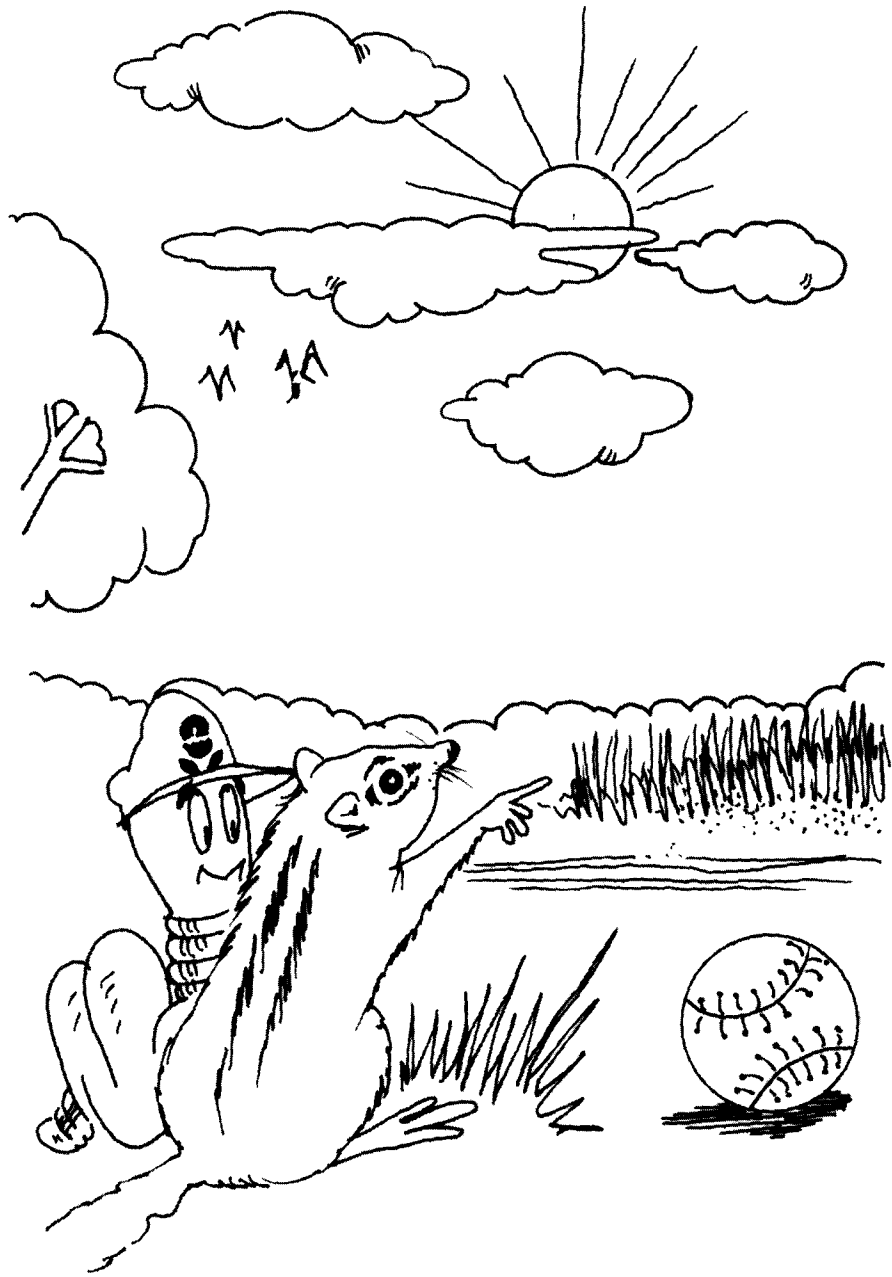
*For allowing us to share Charlie
with the children of Region 5.*

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"Where are you going, Charlie,"
Wooly Worm asked?



"I'm going to town to tell children about lead-based paint."



"What do we need to know,
Charlie?"



"How to protect yourselves from lead poisoning," said Charlie.



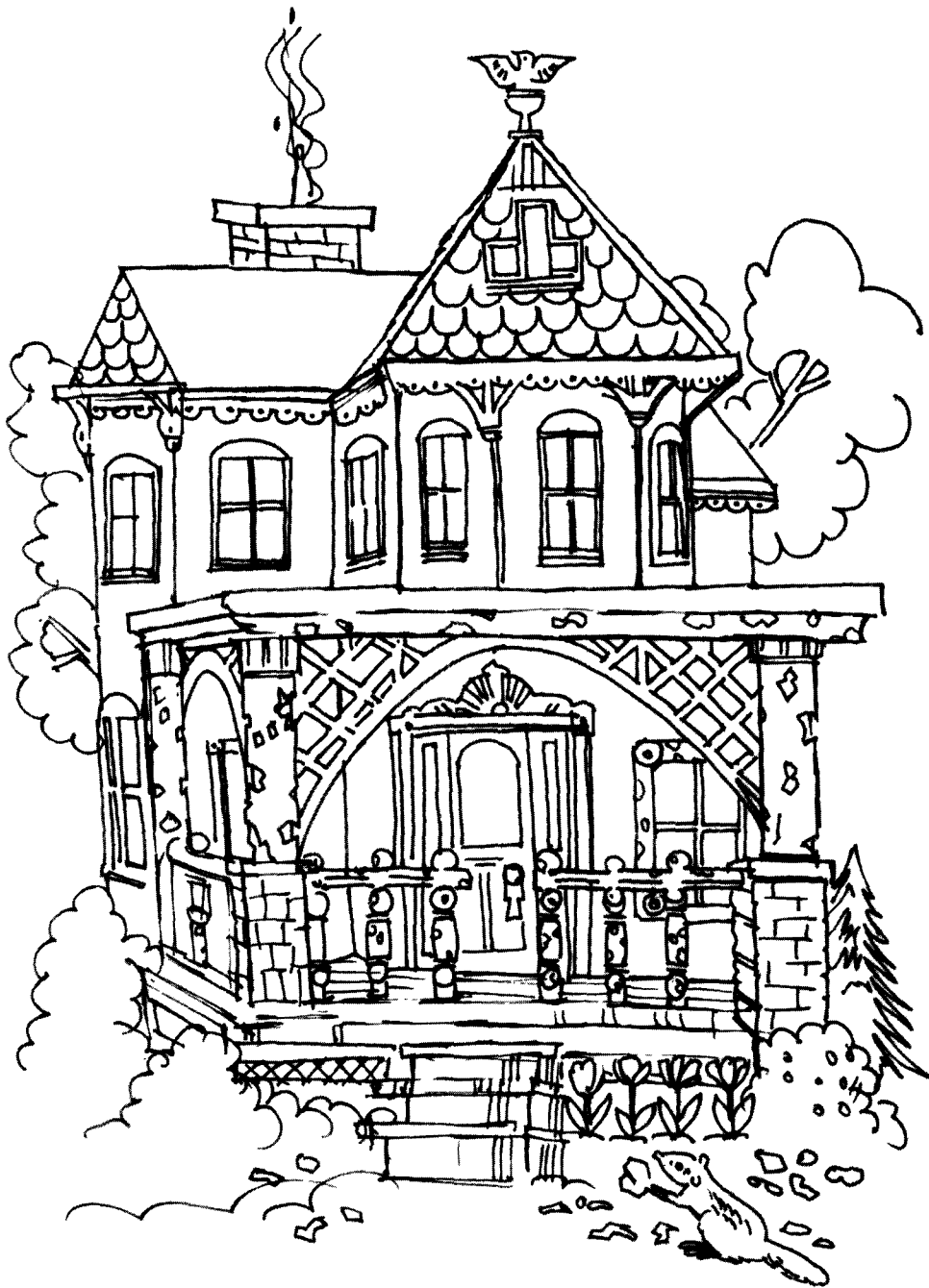
"Because lead can
make children sick."



"How do we protect ourselves?"



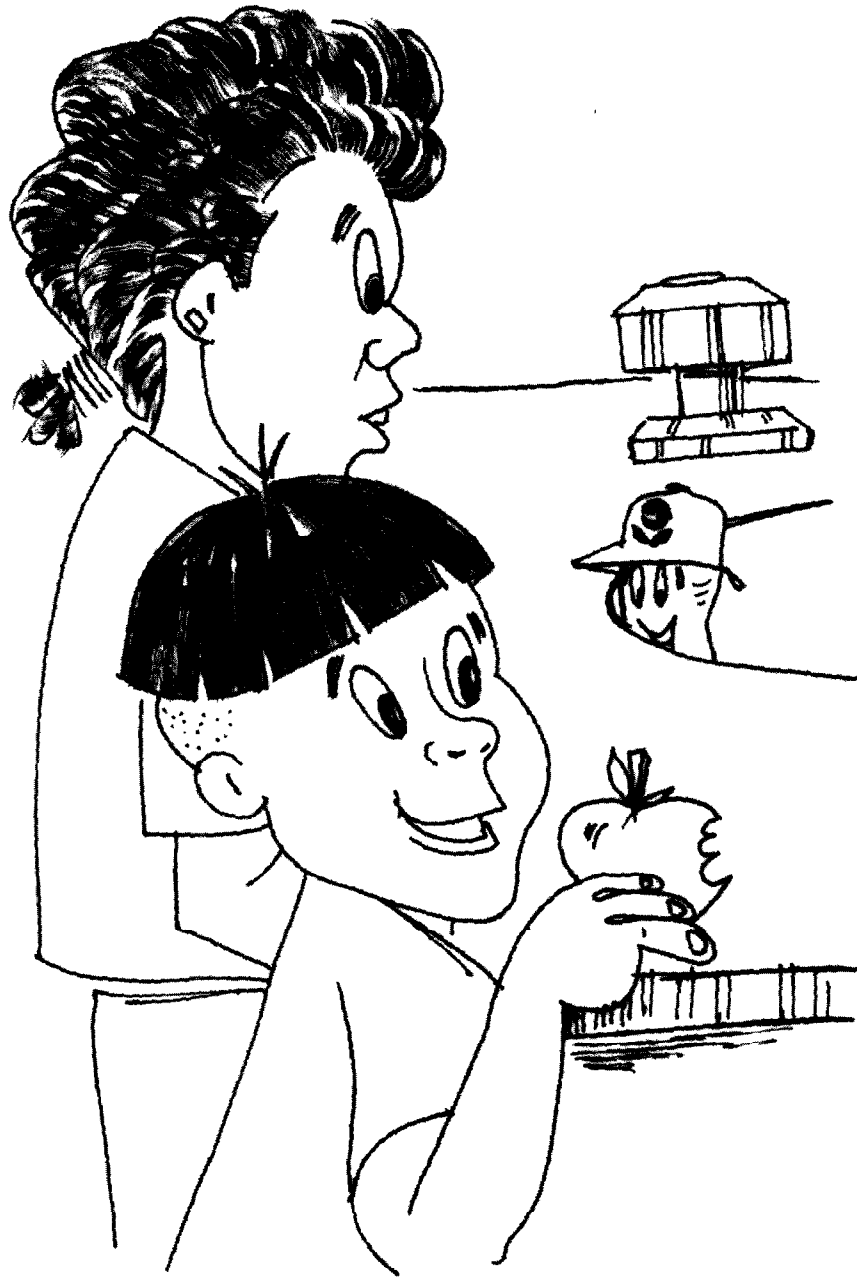
"Stay away from peeling paint,"
Charlie answered.



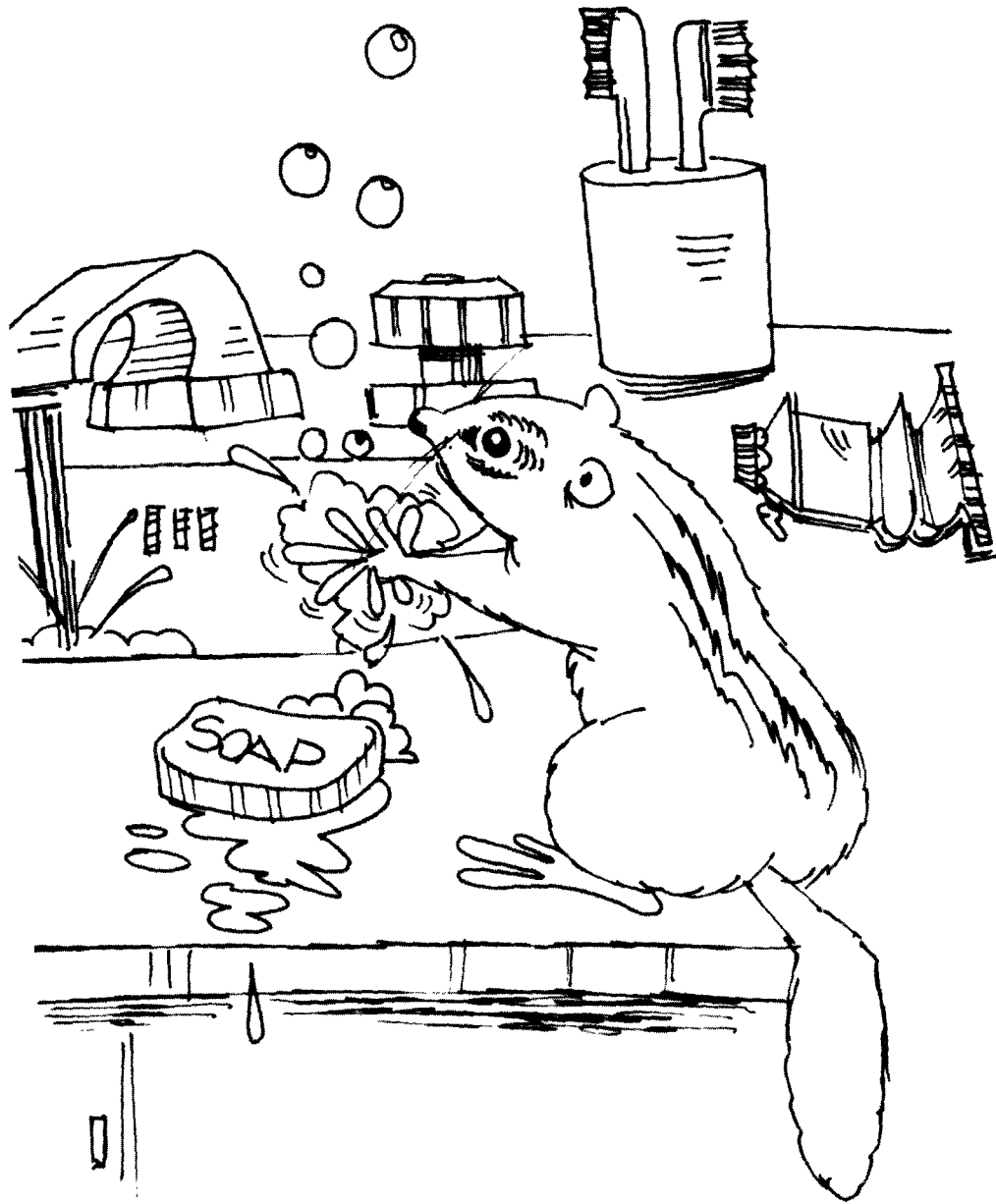
"Old paint has lead in it.
It gets in the dirt."



"When you play in the dirt
you get lead on your hands."



"So wash your hands often,"
said Wooly Worm.



"After you play and before you eat," Charlie said.



"Eat good food," Charlie said.



"Milk, meat, fruits and vegetables
are really good for you!"

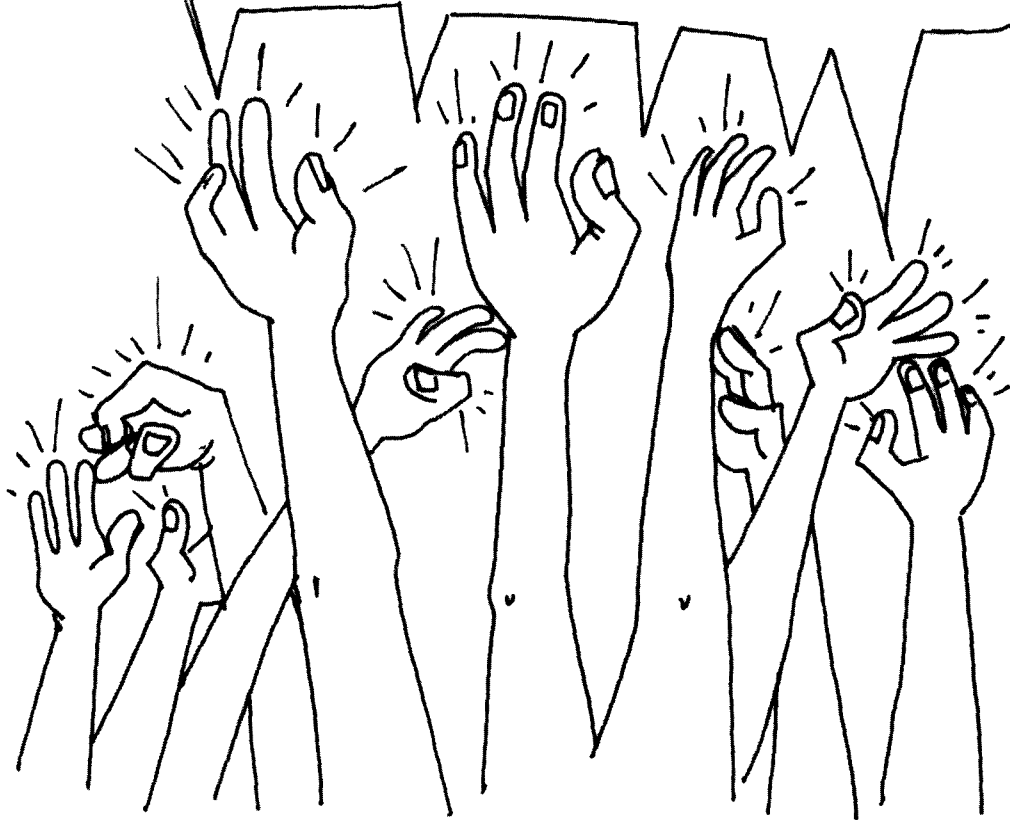


"Do what I say so that you will be lead-free," Charlie said.



"We want you to be healthy
so you can come out and play,"
said Wooly Worm.

**NOW WE KNOW
HOW TO BE
LEAD-FREE!**



**For More
Information on:**

Blood Lead Testing
*Call your Health Care Provider or
Local Health Department*

**Certified Lead Inspectors,
Risk Assessors or Contractors**
*Call state lead contact listed on
next page.*

Lead in Consumer Products
*Consumer Product Safety Commission Hotline
(800) 638-8272
Hearing Impaired : (800) 638-8270*

Current Information on Lead Issues
*HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control
www.hud.gov/lea/leahome.html*

Lead Information
*National lead Information Center Clearinghouse
(800) 424-5323
Hearing Impaired: (800) 638-8270*

Lead in Drinking Water
*Lead Safe Water Hotline
(800) 426-4791*

U.S. EPA Lead Programs
<http://www.epa.gov/lead>

Region 5 Lead Contacts

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Illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health
Division of Environmental Health
Lead Program
(217) 782-3517

Indiana

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
(317) 232-8219

Michigan

Michigan Department of Community Health
Lead Hazard Remediation Program
(517) 335-9390

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Health
Indoor Air & Lead Unit
(651) 215-0891

Ohio

Ohio Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
(614) 644-8649

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Health and
Family Services
Asbestos and Lead Section
(608) 267-2297

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