

The background is a dark blue color. Overlaid on this background are several stylized, light blue pipes. The pipes are of varying thickness and are connected by flanges. Some pipes are vertical, some are horizontal, and some are curved at 90-degree angles. The pipes are arranged in a way that suggests a network or system, possibly representing water supply or a metaphorical network of influence.

*How You
Can Help*

**Get
Lead Out
of School
Drinking Water**

Encourage the
leaders in your
school to speak up
and take action!



Lead Facts

Lead can be found in tap/fountain parts and pipe solder in older infrastructure

There is **NO SAFE LEVEL** of lead. All exposure is linked to negative neurological health outcomes

Ontario's legal limit for lead in water is **twice** that of the federal government's guideline

In the last 5 years, **half of Ontario schools** have reported dangerous levels of lead in their water

Health Impacts

Children are particularly vulnerable to the harms of lead exposure

Even low levels of lead exposure are linked to:

- Decreased attention spans
- Lower IQ scores
- Behavioural problems
- Fine motor skill delays

Exposure to lead can have **life-long consequences**

Talking to School Leadership

Ontario's approach to preventing lead exposure in schools is outdated and ineffective. Your school's leadership may not know the facts, but you can help by explaining to them that *“good enough” isn't good enough.*

WHEN THEY SAY

We are in compliance with provincial water quality requirements.

We flush water through the pipes every morning to remove water that was in contact with lead overnight.

It is the government's responsibility to regulate and enforce water safety measures.

YOU SAY

The rules and regulations are outdated and not doing enough to keep kids safe. We need to get the lead out.

That isn't enough to protect children. We need to prioritize removal and use more effective prevention measures.

I agree that the province needs to do more, but you also have the power to prevent the life-long health impacts of lead.

Requests to Your School Leaders

Learn

- Read CELA's report to learn about weaknesses in existing regulation
- Find out how much lead is in the water at schools under your jurisdiction

Advocate

- Pass a resolution calling on the province of Ontario to prioritize and fund the removal of lead from schools

Act

- Prioritize replacing lead-containing fixtures
- Where replacement isn't possible, install filters or, if necessary, flush water before each use
- Take mitigation action on taps that exceed the federally-recommended limit on lead



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