



Horrendous lead exposure from playing UK Christmas game Toad in the Hole

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Two emails from Hesaan Sheridan, Heritage Testing Limited, United Kingdom and LEAPP Alliance - Lead Exposure and Poisoning Prevention Alliance - A joint initiative of the Lead Containing Materials Association and Lead Safe World UK, December 2024

Game of Toads IMAGE UK Christmas game Toad in the Hole.from <https://www.gameoftoads.com/> - For all things related to the MOST leadtacular game in the world

Sent: Monday, 30 December 2024

Re: article by Laura Hughes in the Financial Times: 'A timebomb': fears for children being poisoned by lead paint in UK homes - Lack of routine testing means thousands of youngsters could be suffering from effects, say experts.

<https://www.ft.com/content/e0f09d7f-5f05-4902-8778-c0ee7a13cbcd>



Great article. I agree with the potential danger from lead paint... it's very real!!!



Watch out for Toad In the Hole game during Xmas festivities... don't let your children near it. The amount of lead shed into their hands is horrendous (corroborated by our tests)

- <https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2022-04-20/toad-in-the-hole-the-sussex-pub-game-that-has-nothing-to-do-with-the-food>
- <https://www.brightonandhovenews.org/2022/09/29/old-fashioned-sussex-pub-game-enjoys-brighton-revival/>
- <https://www.gameoftoads.com/> - For all things related to the MOST leadtaclar game in the world
- <https://www.sussexliving.com/features/features/sporty-sussex-goes-indoors-toad-in-the-hole/>

It's a bit of a child magnet but please don't let your child near it!!

Kind regards,
Hesaan Sheridan

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Re Q: Interesting, so the brass coins shed so much lead? Had no idea, does all brass do that?

Not the brass coins so much (although wipe tests would show that they do shed lead), it's the constant of the impact of the brass coins on the lead lined table with the hole in it. The table is made of lead because it's part of the game. It absorbs the energy and does not cause "bounce". But you also get tiny shards of lead that are produced on impact and also constant abrasion from the game itself. So lead hazards are high for the immediate area and beyond (including surfaces and floors). And the measured amount on the sides of a drinking glass of a player who is constantly touching it is horrendous.

The staff at these establishments serve the customers and families play the game too.

I look on in impotence knowing what the dangers are. Even the establishment who allowed me to take the tests of players hands do not wish to follow it up, because others do not seem to have a problem so why should they.

Kind regards,



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