

Comparative Blood Lead Levels

	Blood Lead Level
Average blood lead in American adult	2.8 mg./dl.
AAP and CDC recommended toxic limit for a child	10 mg./dl.
OSHA recommended toxic limit for an adult	40 mg./dl.
OSHA recommended level to remove a worker from exposure	50 mg./dl.
Anemia, abdominal pain, and infertility possible	50 mg./dl.
Neurological problems possible	100 mg./dl.
Blood lead reported in shooters*	29-111 mg./dl.

microgram/deciliter (mg./dl.)

*Range of blood lead in five studies reviewed by the author