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War on Lead Paint Is Intensified

The city's Bureau of Lead Poisoning Control will intensify its crackdown on merchants and manufacturers who are illegally marketing paints high in lead content, Dr. Vincent Guinee, bureau director, announced yesterday.

Guinee gave these estimates of the problem based on bureau statistics:

- One out of every three paint manufacturers is producing paint which contains more than 1% lead and is illegally labeled for indoor use.

- One out of every 12 paint stores in the city is selling the stuff, although such paint has been outlawed since 1959.

- One in every five cans of green, orange and yellow paint on the market is illegal.

Guinee said the bureau recently found one batch of paint, labeled "safe for cribs," which was 9.5% lead.

He said the paint industry itself admitted that it has lost its "credibility" on the lead question.

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