

Where are They Now?

By State Rep. Ann Flood

If you've been following our efforts to protect the rights of girls and women in sports, you might be wondering about the bills and where they are now.

Back in late December, the House Education Committee again dodged a vote on the measures by re-referring both the Fairness in Women's Sports Act (House Bill 158) and the Dads Defending Daughters bill (House Bill 1849) to the House Judiciary Committee.

Earlier this week, without notice and without even identifying the names of the bills or allowing any debate, majority House Democrats on the Judiciary Committee re-referred the bills to the House Health Committee.

It is a travesty the majority in the House refuses to give citizens a voice on this topic.

Polls indicate 80% of people, regardless of political party, support women's sports being for biological women only. Athletic competitions give women the opportunity to demonstrate their strength and skill, while also providing opportunities for recognition ranging from accolades to college scholarships. We owe it to our female athletes to ensure these rights and opportunities are protected.

Join us in support of this effort by signing the "I Believe" promise at defendingdaughters.com.

Keep PA Beautiful, PennDOT Invite Students to Join Young Ambassadors Program

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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful are inviting environmentally conscious students in grades 10-12 to help preserve Pennsylvania's natural resources through the Young Ambassadors of Pennsylvania program.

The program empowers young Pennsylvanians to train and learn from leaders across the private sector, state government, local media, and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful to protect Pennsylvania's environment and build leadership and problem-solving skills.

Ambassadors will learn about topics related to the impact of litter on roadways, litter prevention, waste management and recycling, civic engagement and public policy, volunteer management, and social media marketing.

For more information and how to apply, click here <https://links.pa-housenews.com/q/Hdt11atQPn0XA3PLvrNfEkH6m9Y4njF3qWxZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gGA2OULr2cqEpL31xZwXUTHBAEiQ>.



Lead Could be Lurking in Your Water

By Janel Gist

SLATE BELT - Lead can feel like the boogeyman of old homes. Homeowners worry it could be in the paint on the windowsills or on the exterior of the home leading to chipping and lead dust. While many know there are dangers associated with lead paint in old homes, it may be less commonly known about the dangers of lead in water.

Lead isn't normally found in natural water supplies like rivers or freestanding bodies of water, instead lead in water is typically from pipes, the pipe soldering or fixtures. While there are laws in place now about how much lead can be present in objects, in the past there wasn't, or the amount of allowed lead was much higher.

Lead is an issue that can affect well owners and public water consumers equally. Well owners are typically on their own to maintain and monitor their own water quality, but public water consumers normally can trust that their supplier is regularly testing and maintaining the system. Lead is different because it's normally coming from within the house which the public water supply doesn't monitor.

This is why it's important for all homeowners, public or well, to be aware of the dangers of lead and take steps to mitigate risk. Lead is most dangerous to children and pregnant woman. Lead exposure in children can cause lowered IQ, developmental problems, anemia and other serious symptoms.

While homeowners may be confident that their plumbing is lead free, a sneaky source of lead in water can be faucets and fixtures.

Faucets from before 1997 are most likely to contain high levels of lead, before rules were changed. Homeowners should be cautious even today about buying faucets online. The US Consumers Product Safety Commission recalled 100k faucets from Amazon in 2025 because they contained high levels of lead (cpsc.gov).

While lead exposure is serious there is an easy way to mitigate risk with water. Lead gets into water when it's sitting in the pipes. The longer it sits the higher the lead concentration can be, to be safe it's best to run the water before using it, especially for drinking and cooking. If you are unsure of the content of your plumbing or are just looking for peace of mind, it can be helpful to get your water tested.

Lead water testing generally involves letting the water sit in your plumbing with no water usage for 6 to 24 hours and then collecting the very first water that comes out of the faucet. The maximum lead limit for public water supplies and a good guideline for private homeowners is 0.015 mg/l (milligrams per liter). The good thing about testing for lead is you generally only need to do it once unless you change your plumbing. Lead is a serious issue, but being informed and taking precautions can keep you and your family safe from the dangers of lead.

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