

# Less lead, more brain

**LEAD** is severely harmful to everyone's central nervous system – it particularly affects children's brain development, reducing their intelligence (IQ).

Lead was widely used, even in jewellery and other consumer products that children may put in their mouth.



Thanks to **REACH**, an EU law, people and the environment are now better protected from hazardous chemicals.

## Want to know more?



Thousands of companies have registered their chemicals with the European Chemicals Agency.



On ECHA's homepage, you can find information on more than **130 000** chemicals used in Europe. It is the world's biggest database on chemicals.



Restrictions limit the use of hazardous chemicals – this can mean controlled use or a total ban of a chemical.



Hundreds of chemicals are identified under REACH as causing cancer, damaging our genes or being toxic to our reproductive system.