

# Making the Switch to Copper Bullets:

Protecting your family and our environment from lead poisoning

## ***What happens when you hunt using lead or copper bullets?***

- Lead bullets shatter on impact, spreading tiny fragments through most of the animal's body, including the meat and guts
- Copper bullets stay together and mushroom out on impact, and will more easily go through bones



A copper bullet on the left and a lead bullet on the right after a shooting demonstration (Photo: Paul A. Smith / Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)



X-ray of an animal shot with lead, notice how far the bright white spots of metal spread in the body (Photo: The Scavenger Hunt)

## ***What happens if your family eats lead fragments in meat?***

- At certain levels in the blood, lead can be very toxic to people
- During pregnancy it can cause low birth-weight babies, premature births, miscarriages, and stillbirths
- In babies and children under 6, even small amounts can cause lifelong learning disabilities, and stunted growth

## ***How are eagles hurt by lead?***

Eagles will scavenge gut piles left behind by hunters, and are very sensitive to lead



**There's no safe amount of lead during pregnancy or for children under 6**

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**Deer hunters: bring us your deer heads for a FREE box of lead-free copper bullets by contacting the Sault Tribe Wildlife Program**

