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The Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule

Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

On April 22, 2008, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Until that time, HUD and EPA recommend that anyone performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools follow lead-safe work practices.



There are some differences between the EPA RRP Rule and the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR). A major difference is that the LSHR requires clearance examinations. All housing receiving federal assistance must still comply with the LSHR. OHHLHC provides Information on complying with the LSHR and RRP, and Frequently-asked Questions from Grantees. Additional information for renovators is available.

All contractors should follow these three simple procedures:

- Contain the work area.
- Minimize dust.
- Clean up thoroughly.

From December 2008, the rule has required that contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint provide to owners and occupants of child care facilities and to parents and guardians of children under age six that attend child care facilities built prior to 1978 the lead hazard information pamphlet *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools* (PDF) | *en español* (PDF)

Starting on April 22, 2010, the rule will affect paid renovators who work in pre-1978 housing

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What's New

The RRP Course

This course was developed by the U.S. EPA, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to train renovation, repair, and painting contractors how to work safely in housing with lead-based paint and comply with EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule, and HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule. Below are links for the initial renovator model training course materials. This course should be used for individuals needing EPA certification as renovators. Visit EPA's "Model Renovator Training Course" website for course materials.



Helpful Tools

- ▶ Are you a Renovator?
- ▶ Find HUD-approved Lead Safe Work Practices Training Curricula
- ▶ How to comply with the LSHR and the RRP
- ▶ Frequently Asked Questions from OHHLHC Grantees
- ▶ Lead-hazard information for renovation, repair and painting activities in the EPA lead hazard information pamphlet
 - ▶ Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools (PDF)
 - ▶ En Español (PDF)
- ▶ Lead-safe work practices for contractors in the EPA pamphlet Contractors:
 - ▶ Lead Safety During Renovation (PDF) color, in English
 - ▶ En Español (PDF)
 - ▶ HTML version
 - ▶ Other formats
- ▶ How to comply with EPA's rule in the:

and child-occupied facilities, including:

- Renovation contractors
- Maintenance workers in multi-family housing
- Painters and other specialty trades.

Under the rule, child-occupied facilities are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings where children under age six are present on a regular basis. The requirements apply to renovation, repair or painting activities. The rule does not apply to minor maintenance or repair activities where less than six square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed in a room or where less than 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior. Window replacement is not minor maintenance or repair.

Read EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Rule.

Additional information on becoming an EPA-certified renovator or training provider is available on EPA's Renovator and Trainer Tool Box site.

- ▶ EPA Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right (PDF)
- ▶ En Español (PDF)
- ▶ Find additional EPA publications and brochures on lead-safe renovation, repair and painting and on lead poisoning prevention.
- ▶ U.S.EPA/HUD Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Train-the-Trainer Program Presentation

Additional Information is available on EPA's RRP Website for States and Tribes | Property Owners of Rental Housing, Child-Occupied Facilities | Homeowners Working at Home | Tenants and Families of Children Under Age 6 in Child Care Facilities and Schools | Contractors Fee Rule Information for Training Providers | Lead Test Kit Vendors Related Notices, Final and Proposed Rules | EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Rule

Effective Dates of the Rule

June 23, 2008

Unaccredited renovator or dust sampling technician training programs may not advertise or provide training leading to EPA certification

States, Tribes, and Territories may begin to apply for authorization

Persons performing renovations for compensation in pre-1978 child-occupied facilities (e.g., child care facilities, kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classrooms) must provide **either** Protect Your Family **or** Renovate Right to the owners and occupants before beginning renovations

Modifications/exemptions to Pre-renovation Education Rule take effect:

- (1) Minor repair and maintenance exception changes to < 6 ft² per room for interiors, 20 ft² for exteriors. To qualify, the project cannot involve the use of high dust generating ("prohibited") practices or window replacement.
- (2) Emergency renovations specifically include interim controls performed in response to an elevated blood lead level in a child.
- (3) Persons performing renovations for compensation in pre-1978 housing **may use either** Protect Your Family **or** Renovate Right to comply with the existing requirement to provide a lead hazard information pamphlet to the owners and occupants of target (pre-1978) housing before beginning renovations

December 22, 2008

Persons performing renovations for compensation in target (pre-1978) housing or child-occupied facilities **must provide** Renovate Right to the owners and occupants before beginning renovations

April 22, 2009

Training providers may begin applying to EPA for accreditation to provide renovator or dust sampling technician training

Persons seeking certification as renovators or dust sampling technicians may take accredited training as soon as it is available

October 22, 2009

Firms may begin applying to EPA for certification to conduct renovations

April 22, 2010

Renovations in target (pre-1978) housing and child-occupied facilities must be conducted by certified renovation firms, using renovators with accredited training, and following the work practice requirements of the rule

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