



- **Small Entity Compliance Guide.** A handbook for contractors, property managers, and maintenance personnel working in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978.
- Epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf



New Rules for Contractors

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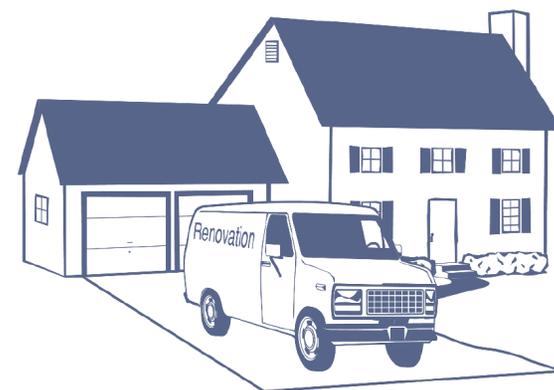
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NEW US EPA RULES REQUIRE RENOVATORS TO LEAD-CERTIFY BEFORE RENOVATING OLDER HOUSING.

Training courses are available in Central New York from lead training firms. Call main office number below for information on courses to be held in a location near you.

- Cornell University ILR,
237 Main Street, Suite 1200
Buffalo, NY 14203
716-852-4191
- CNY Environmental Institute, Inc.
706 North Salina Street, Suite 301
Syracuse, NY 13208-2584
315-703-0153
- Environmental Education Associates, Inc.
346 Austin Street
Buffalo, NY 14207
716-833-2929

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS ABOUT LEAD



About half of homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint. The likelihood of finding lead-based paint increases with the age of the home:

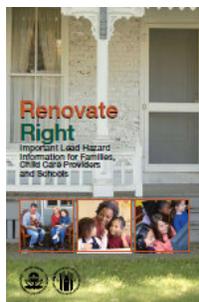
- Two out of three of homes built between 1940 and 1960 have lead-based paint.
- Nine out of ten homes built before 1940 have lead-based paint.

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.

To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices. 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.

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Currently Federal regulations require contractors to provide a copy of the Renovate Right pamphlet to owners and occupants prior to starting work in pre-1978 housing.

Contractors must also provide the **Renovate Right** pamphlet to owners and operators of child-care facilities and schools built prior to 1978 and provide information to parents or guardians of children under age 6 that attend these facilities.

Read more about EPA's rules and lead-safe work practices in EPA's pamphlet [Contractors:Lead Safety During Renovation](#) (www.epa/lead)

See EPA's Lead: Renovator and Trainer Tool Box at www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/toolkits.htm and www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/training.htm for additional information.

Who Must Follow the 2008 Lead Rule's Requirements?

In general, anyone who is paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, this may include, but is not limited to:

- Residential rental property owners/managers
- General contractors
- Special trade contractors, including
 - Painters
 - Plumbers
 - Carpenters
 - Electricians



What Activities Are Subject to the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program?

In general, any activity that disturbs paint in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, including:

- Remodeling and repair/maintenance
- Electrical work
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Window replacement



New certification is required for all home improvement activity that disturbs more than 6 square feet of interior or 20 square feet of exterior lead paint in housing built before 1978, and in any child-occupied facility.

What Does the Program Require Me To Do?

Pre-renovation education requirements - Effective now.

For houses, apartments , you must:

- Distribute EPA's lead pamphlet to the owner and occupants before renovation starts.

In a child-occupied facility, you must:

- Distribute the lead pamphlet to the owner of the building or an adult representative of the child-occupied facility before the renovation starts.

For work in common areas of multi-family housing or child-occupied facilities, you must:

- Distribute renovation notices to tenants or parents/guardians of the children attending the child-occupied facility. Or you must post informational signs about the renovation or repair job.

Informational signs must:

- Be posted where they will be seen;
- Describe the nature, locations, and dates of the renovation; and
- Be accompanied by the lead pamphlet or by information on how parents and guardians can get a free copy (see page 31 for information on obtaining copies).

Obtain confirmation of receipt of the lead pamphlet (from the owner, adult representative, or occupants (as applicable), or a certificate of mailing from the post office.

Retain records for three years.

