Common renovation, repair, and painting activities—like sanding, cutting or replacing windows—can disturb lead-based paint. This can create hazardous lead dust and chips which are harmful to adults and children. Home repairs that create even a small amount of lead dust are enough to poison your child and put your family at risk.

For more information, read the “Renovate Right” pamphlet — EPA’s guide describing the concerns and potential hazards of lead-based paint and why you should hire “Lead-Safe Certified Firms”.

Visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) and select “Find a Lead-Safe Certified firm”

**To have your home tested** for lead-based paint hazards you must hire a Lead Risk Assessor certified by the State of Michigan. A list of certified Lead Risk Assessors is online at: [www.michigan.gov/documents/Risk_Assessor-all_35920_7.htm](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Risk_Assessor-all_35920_7.htm) You can also request the list by calling 1-866-691-5323.

**To learn about funds provided** under the MDCH Lead Safe Home Program for testing and making property lead safe, call the number above or visit [www.michigan.gov/leadsafe](http://www.michigan.gov/leadsafe).

**To get general information** about ways you can protect your child from lead poisoning, contact Ingham County Health Department at 517-272-4144.
EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Law: Information for Contractors, Property Managers and Landlords

Contractors, property managers and landlords who disturb lead-based paint in the process of painting, renovating or repairing homes, schools or daycare centers built before 1978 must be “RRP certified” and follow “RRP lead safe work practices”.

“Renovator Certification” involves a one-day class and application every five years and compliance with required steps to contain the work area, minimize dust and thoroughly clean up every day. To get training:

Visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) and select “Locate an RRP Training Class or Provider”

If landlords perform renovations or hire someone else to perform renovations, they must hire an “EPA Certified Renovator” and an “EPA Certified Firm” if the work will disturb lead-based paint:

- on more than 6 square feet per room inside the building
- on more than 20 square feet per side on the outside of the building
- on any size project involving window replacement or the demolition of painted surfaces

Working without certification or failure to follow approved practices is punishable by fines of up to $37,500 per incident, per day, and can result in lawsuits initiated by consumers and/or EPA.

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