

EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Law: Information for Homeowners with homes built before 1978

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 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

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.

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 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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