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Compliance with New Federal Lead-Based Paint Requirements

Renovators must comply with new certification, training, pre-renovation notification and work practice standards

Are you a general contractor, renovation contractor, property manager, painter, plumber, carpenter, electrician? Are you paid to do work that disturbs painted surfaces? Do you work in homes, schools, day-care facilities or other buildings where children are present? Were these buildings or any houses, apartments and residences where you work constructed before 1978, when lead-based paint was still in use?

The new federal Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting requirements may be applicable to you. Now is the time to become an EPA-certified renovator and follow the specific work practices that prevent lead contamination.

The new requirements kick in starting in April 2010. Failure to comply with the new requirements is a violation of the law: it can cause exposure to lead and result in serious health consequences, especially for young children. Penalties can be significant.

The new requirements include notification to property owners and occupants before work begins of the potential hazards from lead-based paint disturbed during the project, certification of renovation companies, training and certification of workers, implementation of work practice standards for controlling lead-based paint dust, post-renovation cleanup requirements and post-renovation cleaning verification.

To assist you in understanding and complying with the lead-based paint rules for renovations, EPA has published the "Small Business Compliance Guide to Renovate Right." It presents simple steps to follow to comply with EPA's lead program. The Renovate Right compliance handbook is available at www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf and from the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-5323.

The handbook provides more detailed information on certifications, training, work practice requirements, prohibited practices and recordkeeping provisions than is included in this Enforcement Alert. It also includes information on certain exemptions to the Rules and other useful information about the lead-based paint program.



Peeling Door Paint