

LOSS CONTROL BULLETIN

Lead Paint

Poisoning from lead overexposure is the leading environmentally-induced illness in children. Approximately 310,000 American children ages 1-5 have too much lead in their blood. Lead can cause serious health problems in both children and adults. In children, lead can cause nervous system and kidney damage, learning disabilities, speech, language and behavior problems, poor muscle coordination, decreased muscle and bone growth and hearing damage. In adults, lead can cause increased chance of illness during pregnancy, harm to fetus including brain damage or death, fertility problems in both men and women, high blood pressure, digestive problems, nerve disorders, memory and concentration problems and muscle and joint pain.

As of April, 22, 2010, federal law requires that renovation firms be certified under EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP) and that individuals be trained in lead-safe work practices by EPA-accredited trainers. This law applies to any contractor that is performing renovation, repair or painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978. The law also requires that firms have one or more "Certified Renovators" assigned to jobs where lead-based paint is disturbed. To become certified, a renovator must successfully complete an EPA or state-approved training course conducted by an EPA or state-accredited training provider.

Further, contractors, property managers and others who perform renovations for compensation in residential houses, apartments, and child-occupied facilities built before 1978 are required to distribute EPA's Renovate Right lead hazard information pamphlet to owners and occupants before starting renovation work. This rule applies to renovation work completed by residential rental property owners and managers, general contractors and special trade contractors such as painters, plumbers, carpenters and electricians.

The person performing the renovations should request a signed confirmation from the occupant of the property acknowledging that they received the pamphlet. Examples of forms can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/interiorfinal2.pdf>.

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What Steps Do I Need To Take When Performing Repairs Or Renovations?

1. Determine if the job involves lead-based paint.
2. Set it up safely.
3. Protect yourself.
4. Minimize the dust.
5. Leave the work area clean.
6. Control the waste.
7. Verify work completion with the cleaning verification procedure or clearance.

How Do I Get Certified?

The EPA's website offers a search feature to find trainers accredited to provide renovation, repair, and painting training.

http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp.cfm?Applicant_Type=training

Wisconsin, Iowa, North Carolina, Mississippi, Kansas, Rhode Island and Utah are authorized by the EPA to administer their own programs. For assistance identifying trainers in these jurisdictions, you can contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

Those renovators needing certification will need to complete an application and submit it to the EPA with the appropriate fees. The application form can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>. If the area where the renovator wishes to work is one that handles its own certification, the renovator will need to apply directly to that state, territory or Indian tribe for certification.

Why Is This Important?

- By becoming certified a contractor, you can avoid the risk of government fines and civil liability.
- You are protecting your workers, yourself and your customers against health risks.
- You can gain a competitive advantage, as certification makes you stand out from other contractors.
- Upon certification of your firm, your company will be listed as a Lead-Safe Certified Contractor on the EPA website.



No one wants to think about suffering a loss. In the unfortunate event you do have a loss, our **ANPAC Five Star Claim ServiceSM** is designed to provide assurance and confidence to our policyholders throughout the claims process.

24-Hour Claims Hotline 1-800-333-2860

Sources: EPA Contractor Fact Sheet, <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sellsheet.pdf>

Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting, <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/pubs/steps.pdf>

The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right, <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>

New Lead-based Paint Certification, [http://www.qualifiedremodeler.com/print/Qualified-Remodeler/New-Lead-based-Paint-Certification-/1\\$1339&pubId=0](http://www.qualifiedremodeler.com/print/Qualified-Remodeler/New-Lead-based-Paint-Certification-/1$1339&pubId=0)

Safety and Health Topics – Lead, United States Department of Labor, <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/lead/index.html>

U.S. EPA - Lead in Paint, Dust, and Soil, <http://www.epa.gov/lead/>

Understanding New National Data on Lead Poisoning, http://www.afhh.org/chil_ar/chil_ar_lead_poisoning_BLL_data_factsheet.htm LOSS