



FAQ'S: EPA LEAD RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING

Q: Who does the EPA Lead RRP rule apply to?

A: This rule will affect paid renovators who work in pre-1978 housing, i.e. Target Housing* and Child-Occupied Facilities**, including: renovation contractors, maintenance workers in multi-family housing, painters, plumbers, handymen and other specialty trades. Under the rule, child-occupied facilities are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings where children under age six are present on a regular basis. Contractors are required to have a Certified Renovator on board for each job taking place in a home or facility defined by the rule. Responsibilities of the Certified Renovator include:

- Perform and direct lead-safe work practices
- Provide hands-on training to non-certified workers
- Maintain copies of training certificates onsite
- Use EPA-recognized test kits to identify lead-based paint
- Be present during posting of signs, containment setup, and cleaning
- Be available by telephone when off-site
- Maintain containment areas to minimize the spread of dust
- Implement the cleaning verification procedure
- Prepare and maintain required records

*Target Housing: is a house or apartment (including mobile homes) built before January 1, 1978.

**Child-Occupied Facility: is a building, or portion of a building, constructed prior to 1978, are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings where children under age six are present on a regular basis. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to, day-care centers, preschools and kindergarten classrooms.

Q: What are the exemptions from the rule that would not require the training and/or do not require compliance?

1. Housing and/or components within that has been tested by a State Certified Lead Inspector and found to be free of lead-based paint (i.e. paint tested using on-site X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) <1.0 mg/cm² or by using bulk paint chip sampling via Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) methodology with a result <0.5% by weight (5,000 ppm or mg/kg) or less are exempt from the RRP rule requirements.
2. 0-bedroom units (i.e. studio apartments, dorms, etc).
3. Housing that is officially designated for the elderly or the handicapped.

4. If you are a homeowner performing renovation, repair, or painting work in your own home, EPA's RRP rule does not cover your project.

For additional information please visit www.epa.gov/lead.