

Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair & Painting

Rule Overview



Lead as a Hazard to Children (brief overview)

- Lead is a very serious preventable environmental health threat to children in the U.S.
- It is well established that Lead can cause significant and permanent health issues in children.
- Lead can be present in paint, soil, toys, pottery, candy and many traditional remedies from other countries.

Scope of Rule

- **The Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule (RR&P) is a federal regulation affecting contractors, property managers and others that disturb painted surfaces of target housing and child occupied facilities.**
- **It applies to houses, apartments, and child-occupied facilities such as schools or day-care centers in the US that were constructed before 1978.**
- **The rule applies to both interior and exterior painting and renovation projects.**

Purpose of the rule and the effects of Lead Poisoning in Children and Adults

- **Ongoing commitment to eliminate lead poisoning and ensure a Lead-Free Environment for Children.**
- **Approximately 300,000 children have elevated levels of lead in their bodies as a result of exposure to lead hazards, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).**
- **Lead can affect children's brain and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults. Pregnant women exposed to Lead can transfer lead to their fetus.**

Rule Requirements

- **Effective April 22, 2010: If you hire someone for compensation on a project that will disturb paint in a home, school or childcare facility built prior to 1978, the person(s) doing the work must comply with the new regulation.**
- **Painting and maintenance work must be performed in accordance with EPA Lead-Based Paint, Renovation, Repair and Painting regulation standards.**
- **Contractor is required to be EPA certified and trained to perform lead-safe work practices to prevent Lead contamination.**

Exceptions/Exemptions to RR&P

- **Homes or child occupied facilities built in 1978 or later.**
- **Paint application that does not include sanding, scraping and other activities that do not disturb painted surfaces.**
- **Work done by individuals in housing they own and occupy.**

Exceptions to RRP (continued)

- **Housing for the elderly or disabled and not visited by children under age six.**
- **Immediate renovations required in emergency situations.**

RRP Education

- New brochure “Renovate Right” developed for all covered renovations
- Brochure can be found and downloaded at:

www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation



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