

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC EPA's RRP: RENOVATION, REPAIR & PAINTING RULE

THE RULE

EPA's RRP Rule protects the public and workers from lead-based paint hazards associated with renovation, repair and painting activities. These activities can create hazardous lead chips and dust when lead-based



paint surfaces are disturbed. The rule requires firms to be Lead Safe certified and at least one worker on the job site to be Renovator certified.

WHY THE RRP RULE IS IMPORTANT



Even low levels of lead in the blood of children can cause serious impacts on the way children develop, learn, and behave. Lead poisoning is 100% preventable!

Compliance with the RRP Rule protects children and workers, but it also protects firms from costly enforcement actions and liability. The max penalty for RRP violations is over \$40,000.

WHO MUST COMPLY WITH THE RRP RULE?

All firms and individuals who receive compensation to perform RRP activities in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Home improvement contractors
- Property management and maintenance
- Painters & other specialty trades
- Window, door, and floor replacements
- School/Daycare maintenance workers and contractors



HOW TO BECOME A CERTIFIED RENOVATOR

For RRP training, visit: www.epa.gov/lead and click on "Locate a RRP training class or provider" link to complete a search for upcoming training near you.

A Renovator certification is valid for five years. A Renovator refresher training must be completed before the initial training expires to maintain an active certification.

ADDITIONAL ONLINE RRP RESOURCES

EPA Lead website: www.epa.gov/lead

Renovate Right Pamphlet
<https://go.usa.gov/xsmPa>

RRP Small Entity Guide
<https://go.usa.gov/xsmP2>

RRP FAQs
<https://go.usa.gov/xsmPk>

Construction Industry RRP Compliance Help*
<https://www.cicacenter.org/leadrrp.php>
(*EPA does not endorse any external non-government websites, companies or applications.)



HOW TO BECOME A CERTIFIED FIRM

To certify your business as an EPA Lead Safe, RRP Certified Firm visit: www.epa.gov/lead/getcertified

- Firm certification costs \$300 and is valid for five years.
- When registering for firm certification, you must search your firm first, even if you know it's not certified. Once you complete the search, a "begin application to certify new firm" option will appear.
- Companies, including property management companies, and sole proprietors must obtain firm certification.

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LEAD RRP RULE IS NOT THE SAME AS LEAD ABATEMENT

RRP projects and lead abatement activities are two separate programs. EPA regulates the RRP program in Connecticut, Maine, and New Hampshire. Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont implement the RRP program in their states. All New England states regulate their lead abatement program. Both lead abatement and RRP Rule apply to pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, but the intention for doing the work is key in determining how to treat the worksite.

RRP RULE

- Intention is to complete routine renovation, repair, painting or maintenance work that will disturb lead-based paint as a consequence of the activity (includes interim controls)
- 8-hour RRP Renovator training required
- Firm certification with EPA required

LEAD ABATEMENT

- Intention is to permanently eliminate known lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards
- Check state requirements for training requirements. In most states, 40-hour Lead Abatement Supervisor training and 32-hour Lead Abatement Worker training required
- Company licensure with state where project occurs required

If the worksite is pre-1978, EPA assumes the presence of lead-based paint and the RRP Rule applies. Always use an EPA- certified Renovator or state-certified lead inspector or risk assessor to test all components of your work area if you are testing to exempt out of the rule. In projects involving both lead abatement and renovation, abatement work is usually completed first, and it must conclude by passing a lead dust clearance test. If the project continues with renovation, the RRP Rule still applies unless additional lead testing determines that no lead-based paint is present, or a lead-free certificate is issued post abatement.

WHAT HOMEOWNERS & RENTERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RRP

If your home or childcare facility was built before 1978, you should assume the presence of lead-based paint. RRP is the law, and it protects you and your family from the harmful effects of lead.

- Ask to see the company's RRP firm certification.
- Ask to see the contractor's individual RRP Renovator certification.
- Talk with your contractor about lead-safe work practices. Ask about lead testing with EPA-approved lead test kits. Look for: plastic containments in the work area; HEPA vacs and wet wipes for cleaning; clearing of objects from work area or covering large objects that cannot be removed.

REPORT POTENTIAL RRP VIOLATIONS

If you see a potential RRP violation in your home or community, submit a tip online to EPA Region 1.

<https://go.usa.gov/xsmPH>



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