

# New Lead-Based Paint Renovation Requirements



## **Was your school building built prior to 1978? Does your school building have children age 6 and under?**

If you answered “yes” to both of the above questions, get informed about the *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidelines for Renovation, Repair and Painting*. It’s the law!

The EPA’s Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Requirements:

- Apply to buildings built prior to 1978 that are residential or child-occupied facilities. Child-occupied facilities are defined as buildings that children age 6 or under occupy at least 6 hours per week or 60 hours per year.
- Apply to interior renovated areas equaling 6 square feet or more and to exterior renovated areas more than 20 square feet.
- Will not apply if the building has had lead hazard abatement or if the area of renovation has been determined to be free of lead by a certified professional.
- Require contractors to provide owners with the EPA’s lead pamphlet, *Renovate Right*, prior to renovation and provide parents and guardians of children who attend the facility with renovation notices in the form of literature or informational signage prior to renovations.
- Effective Thursday, April 22, 2010, will require all contractors to be trained and certified to disturb lead-based paint in child-occupied facilities and to follow lead-safe work practices.
- Apply to anyone performing renovation or construction work including, but not limited to, electricians, plumbers, mechanical contractors, painters or maintenance staff.

Refer to the EPA’s Web site <[www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm)> for additional information, including the following EPA publications:

*Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools*

*Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right: EPA’s Lead-Base Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program* (A handbook for contractors, property managers and maintenance personnel working in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978.)

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