

## **The Environmental Protection Agency's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule in Florida Frequently Asked Questions**

This document includes information and resources to help answer your questions about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation Repair and Painting Rule (RRP), effective April 22, 2010.

▶ **Where can I find out more information about RRP?**

The EPA has a website that addresses many of the different aspects of RRP. There are separate sections directed towards contactors, firms, property managers, press and the general public (especially families with small children and childcare facilities.)

<http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe>

▶ **What are the health effects of lead poisoning in children?**

Childhood lead poisoning can cause developmental delays, increased aggression, and lowered IQ. These problems may cause impact individuals through adulthood. For more information go to on lead poisonings go to: <http://www.leadfreekids.org/>

▶ **What role do contractors and renovation professionals play in preventing childhood lead poisoning?**

Contractors play an important role in preventing childhood lead poisoning by ensuring lead hazards are not created during renovation, repair and painting activities in older homes. Hazards can be prevented through the use of lead safe work practices. The federal Renovation, Repair, and Paint Rule goes into effect April 22, 2010 and requires training and certification in lead safe work practices for professionals who perform renovation or repairs in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978.

▶ **Who does the rule apply to?**

The rule will affect paid renovators who work in pre-1978 housing (including multi-family housing) and child-occupied facilities. This includes: contractors, maintenance workers, painters and other specialty trades.

▶ **What is a child-occupied facility?**

Under the rule, child-occupied facilities are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings, or portion of a building, where children under age six are present on a regular basis. (See <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf> for further definition).

▶ **What does the rule not cover?**

The rule does not apply to minor maintenance or repair activities where less than six square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed in a room or where less than 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior. Window replacement is not minor maintenance or repair.

► **What do contractors or professional renovators need to do to comply with RRP?**

1. Firms and individuals must be certified. To become certified, professionals must be trained and submit an application and fee payment to EPA. Information about training and certification can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe>

**Where can I find a training course?**

The EPA maintains a list of training providers that have been accredited by EPA to provide training for renovators under EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Program at the following site:

[http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp\\_training.htm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_training.htm)

If you previously completed an eligible renovation training course for abatement work you may take the 4-hour refresher course instead of the 8-hour initial course from an accredited training provider to become a certified renovator. For more eligibility information please see the link below:

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/trainerinstructions.htm#refresher>

2. Supply the residents with the EPA pamphlet **“Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools.”** Contractors must document compliance with this requirement using EPA’s pre-renovation disclosure form.

**Renovate Right Brochure**

English: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochuresp.pdf>

**Pre-renovation disclosure form**

English: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/pre-renovationform.pdf>

**EPA Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right (PDF)**

English: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguidesp.pdf>

3. Workers and contractors must follow lead-safe work practices. Links to more information are provided below.

**Workers: Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting (PDF)**

English: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/steps.pdf>

Spanish: [http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/steps\\_spanish.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/steps_spanish.pdf)

**Contractors: Lead Safety During Renovation**

English: [http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/contractor\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/contractor_brochure.pdf)

Spanish: [http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/contractor\\_brochuresp.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/contractor_brochuresp.pdf)

4. Those covered by RRP must keep records to demonstrate that individuals have been trained in lead-safe work practices and that you followed lead-safe work practices on the job. To make recordkeeping easier, you may use the EPA's sample recordkeeping checklist.

**Sample Recordkeeping Checklist:**

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/samplechecklist.pdf>

► **I've heard some states' have their own program. Does Florida?**

Florida does not yet have its own RRP program so professionals in Florida must comply with the federal EPA RRP program. To join a discussion about Florida establishing an RRP Program please join the Florida Lead Safe Renovation and Repair yahoo group by clicking on the following link:

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/florida4leadsafety/>

If you work in multiple states check the EPA website to see if those states have their own RRP Programs. If so, you may need to certify through those states' programs.

► **I have more questions about RRP who should I contact?**

More information about RRP can be found by calling the National Lead Information Center at **1(800) 424-LEAD [5323]** or on the EPA's website.

*EPA's Website*

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe>

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/lead/>