



Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule Child-Occupied Facility Information Bulletin

DO YOU OWN/OPERATE A CHILD CARE OR DAY CARE CENTER BUILT BEFORE 1978? If so, you should know about the RRP Rule.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 (Mid-Atlantic) is working to reduce childhood exposure to lead, which may be present in paint at any property built before 1978.

Lead exposure can be very dangerous, especially to children.

To help prevent lead poisoning from hazardous lead dust exposure, we are contacting child-occupied facilities, including day care centers and other child care providers to tell them about the RRP Rule. The RRP Rule includes requirements for certification, training, education, recordkeeping, and work practices that will ensure any renovations at your center are lead-safe.

THINGS TO KNOW RIGHT NOW

- If your center or home was built before 1978, renovations (even small ones) at your center should be done according to the RRP Rule.
(Additional Local, State, Tribal and/or Federal laws, regulations or requirements may apply as well)
- Only hire contractors who are EPA Lead-Safe Certified* to perform renovations in your center.
- If your own staff performs maintenance work, see “Additional Information” to learn how to comply.
- Uncertified firms and untrained workers can be subject to large fines.
- The RRP Rule is not the same as lead abatement.
(Contact your state for more information on abatement)

Lead-safe work practices can help protect children from lead dust. Make sure that any contractor that performs renovations in your child-occupied facility is Lead-Safe Certified.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Read the enclosed
“Child Care Providers:
Make sure you or your
contractor is Lead Safe
Certified” brochure

Visit our website
www.epa.gov/lead

To FIND A CERTIFIED
RENOVATION FIRM or
to APPLY FOR EPA FIRM
CERTIFICATION, flip page
for “Helpful Links”

EPA Lead Hotline:
1-800-424-LEAD (5323)

*To do RRP work in the following States/Tribe, firms must obtain the State’s own RRP firm certification: Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Bois Forte Band. EPA Lead Safe Firm Certification is required in all other States/Tribes not listed above.

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Helpful Links at www.epa.gov/lead



EPA's informational brochures for contractors, parents, childcare centers, and more

Learn About Lead

- [Basic information about lead](#)
- [Steps to reduce lead exposure in the home](#)
- [Lead in drinking water](#)
- [Lead air pollution](#)
- [Lead at Superfund sites](#)
- [Lead emissions from piston-engine aircraft](#)
- [En español](#)

Resources

- [Educational documents and outreach materials](#)
 - [Tribal Lead Curriculum](#)
- [National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week](#)
- **NEW!** [Find out if you have lead pipes in your home](#)
- [Real estate disclosure information for renters or buyers](#)

Related Topics

- [National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program \(NLLAP\)](#)
- [Science and Technology](#)
- [Laws and Regulations](#)
- [Policy and Guidance](#)
- [Enforcement](#)
- [Lead Paint Alliance](#)
- [Children's Environmental Health](#)
- [Healthy School Environments](#)

In the Spotlight

- [Lead Newsroom](#)
- [Lead and Copper Rule Strengthening](#)
- [Draft Lead Strategy](#)
- **NEW!** [Updated resources for RRP and Lead-based Paint Activities training providers](#)

Information about the **Lead Disclosure Rule** for those involved with purchasing or renting pre-1978 property

Firms (even if it is only one employee) can apply for **firm certification**

Renovation, Repair, & Painting (RRP) Program

- [Learn about the RRP Program](#)
- [Information for contractors](#)
- [Information for property managers](#)
- [Apply for lead-safe certification](#)
- [Locate an RRP training class or provider](#)
- **UPDATED!** [Become an accredited RRP training provider](#)

Individual renovators and workers can find one day **RRP Renovator training**

Lead-based Paint Activities Program

- [Information about lead-based paint activities \(abatement, inspection, and risk assessment\)](#)
- [Lead abatement vs. RRP](#)
- [Information for lead-based paint activities professionals](#)
- [Locate an accredited lead-based paint activities training program](#)
- **UPDATED!** [Become an accredited lead-based paint activities training provider](#)

Have a Question?

- [Frequently asked questions about lead](#)
- [EPA Regional Lead Contacts](#)
- [Contact the Lead Hotline](#)
- [Contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline](#)

Search the Lead website

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Need to hire a renovation contractor?

Find an EPA or state [lead-safe certified renovation contractor in your area.](#)

Hire a Certified Contractor to work on your pre-1978 property

Report Uncertified Contractors and Environmental Violations



Anyone can submit a **tip/complaint** to report unsafe violations. Just click on the shield, and then click your state