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](http://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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EPA’s informational brochures for contractors, parents, childcare centers, and more

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

Individual renovators and workers can find one day RRP Renovator training

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

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

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

Helpful Links at www.epa.gov/lead