

What is the new RRP Rule & How does this new EPA regulation affect you?

This information is important to you because you either, own, manage, work or provide some type of service to a building in these guidelines.

The "Lead: Renovation, Repair, and Paint Program" regulation applies to persons who do renovations for compensation in homes, schools and other buildings built prior to 1978. Especially facilities occupied by children under the age of six, such as homes, day care centers and schools.

Those affected include renovation contractors, school district maintenance workers, painters and other specialty tradesman who disturb painted surfaces during their work.

The rule states that all contractors or firms actually performing painting work or are labeled as painters who disturb lead based paint as part of their work in pre-1978 homes, schools, and other buildings must be EPA-certified.

The rule defines a renovation as any modification of an existing structure (interior and/or exterior) that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces unless the work is part of abatement. NOTE: Window/door replacement is NOT minor maintenance or repair.

The rule includes training, certification and accreditation requirements for firms and contractors performing renovation work. Each renovation project must be performed and/or directed by a certified renovator who has undergone training in an EPA-accredited training program or course that lasts a minimum of eight hours. The certified renovator is responsible for ensuring compliance with the work practice standards contained in the regulation, and must perform or direct the performance of certain critical tasks during the renovation such as posting warning signs, containing the work area and cleaning the work area after the renovation is completed.

The EPA is authorized to impose harsh fines and penalties for non-compliance with the rule, and knowing or willful violations of its provisions by contractors or firms may even result in imprisonment. It is important to emphasize that the rule applies to any work that involves the disturbance of lead-based paint, regardless of whether the contractors or firms actually perform painting work or are labeled as painters. It is crucial, therefore, for all contractors and firms performing renovation work to be familiar with the provisions of the regulation, and to ensure that they fully comply with the EPA's requirements.

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