

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**CONTRACTORS:
IF YOU'RE NOT
LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED,
DISTURBING
JUST SIX
SQUARE FEET
COULD COST YOU
BIG TIME.**



Angie's List and EPA are teaming up to help spread awareness about lead safety and why you should become Lead-Safe Certified.



Angie's list

Renovators working on homes, schools or day care centers built pre-1978, you must be EPA Lead-Safe Certified.

WHAT

The Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule is a federal regulatory program affecting anyone who disturbs painted surfaces where lead may be present.

- Submit an application to certify your firm for five years.
- A one-day class will certify your renovators for five years.
- Learn the required steps to contain the work area, minimize dust and thoroughly clean up every day.

WHO

Any contractor, including renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters and maintenance staff, who disrupts more than six square feet of lead paint in pre-1978 homes, schools, day care centers and other places where children spend time.

WHY

1. It's the law - Avoid risk of government fines and civil liability:
 - Without certification and by not following approved practices, you and your company can face tens of thousands of dollars in fines and put yourself and your company at risk of potential lawsuits.
2. Protect your workers, yourself and your customers from a health risk:
 - Dust from renovation, repairs and painting can contaminate an entire home and, if inhaled or ingested, can cause irreversible damage to children and adults.
3. Gain competitive advantage:
 - Certification makes you stand out from others. Using your company's certification in your marketing materials may help attract business.
 - Consumers who look for the certification before hiring contractors may be more accepting of additional costs and time associated with doing the job safely.
 - Upon certification of your firm, your company will be listed as a Lead-Safe Certified Contractor on the EPA website.

WHERE

To find an accredited trainer in your local area or get additional info, go to epa.gov/getleadsafe or call 800-424-LEAD.

WHEN

Since April 22, 2010.