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# PROTECT YOUR FAMILY LOOK FOR THE LOGO

HAVING WORK DONE ON YOUR PLACE?  
USE A LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR.

## The Danger

Lead paint hazards have not gone away. If your home or apartment was built before 1978, unqualified workers could spread lead paint dust. Even doing a small job.

- **Kids:** Lead exposure can cause lower intelligence, behavior problems and learning disabilities.
- **Pregnant women:** Lead paint dust can be harmful to your developing fetus.
- **All adults:** Exposure to lead paint dust can cause nervous system effects, high blood pressure, fertility problems, and even kidney effects.

## The Law

The EPA's Lead, Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule requires that contractors be Lead-Safe Certified.

Contractors include: renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters and maintenance staff who disrupt more than six square feet of lead paint.

This rule also covers schools, day care centers or any buildings where children gather.

## The Solution

EPA and Consumers' CHECKBOOK are teaming up to ensure that you know how to protect your family and loved ones from the dangers of lead.

If you're renovating your home, make sure your contractor is lead-safe certified and **Look for the EPA Lead-Safe Certified Logo.**



To learn more visit [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead) or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

To find a contractor near you, visit [epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://epa.gov/getleadsafe).

