

**IOWA DEPARTMENT
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**LEAD SAFE RENOVATOR
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**INFORMATIONAL
SHEET**



**Lead Hazards
When Remodeling
Your Home**

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OVERVIEW

Renovation can disturb paint. This includes sanding, cutting, and demolition. Renovation in pre-1978 buildings can create lead dust and chips. These can hurt adults and children. In 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued rules for renovation. They apply to renovation in pre-1978 housing (target housing). They also apply to pre-1978 child-occupied facilities (daycare centers, kindergartens).

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) will carry out these rules in Iowa. Certified people will be called "Lead-Safe Renovators."



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What buildings are covered by the rule?

Child occupied facilities as to; home Daycares, daycare centers, preschools, kindergarten classrooms, or other building built before 1978

What activities are covered by the rules?

Any work that disturbs painted surfaces in pre-1978 homes and child-occupied facilities. Some examples are:

- Removing painted components such as doors and windows
- Repairing a painted surface or preparing it for repainting
- Replacing windows
- Removing walls and ceilings

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who must comply with the rules?

Anyone who disturbs paint in target housing and child-occupied facilities.

This includes:

- Renovation and remodeling contractors
- Contractors who replace windows and doors
- Rental property owners
- Maintenance workers
- Painters
- Some plumbers and electricians

How do I comply with the rules?

Contractors must take an approved 8-hour lead-safe renovator course. If you already took an approved lead-safe work practices course, you must take a 4-hour refresher course. After you take a class, you must apply to be certified and pay a \$60 fee.

How does my company comply with the rule?

Companies that conduct renovation must be certified. You must assign at least one certified lead-safe renovator to each job. The certified lead-safe renovator must train other workers on each job. Workers must use lead-safe work practices. Your firm must be certified. There is no fee for firm certification.

What actions must renovators take for each project?

The certified lead-safe renovator must assure that:

- Signs warn occupants not to enter the work area
- Dust and debris are contained to the work area
- Waste material is contained, stored, and transported safely
- Prohibited work practices are not used
- The work area cleaned
- The work area passes post-renovation cleaning verification or clearance testing with dust samples
- Complete and maintain records about the project

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there exceptions to that rule?

The rule does not apply to:

- Lead abatement: *Lead abatement conducted by a certified lead abatement contractor.*
- Owner occupant: *A property owner can do work in a property where the person or immediate family lives.*
- Minor repair or maintenance activities: *Activities that disturb less than 1 square foot. This applies only to minor paint repair and minor plumbing and electrical work.*

Are there requirements for lead-poisoned children?

Work must be done immediately for an elevated blood lead (EBL) child. Work performed in response to an EBL inspection must pass clearance testing. This must be done by an EBL inspector/risk assessor. Post-renovation cleaning verification cannot be used.

Do I still have to comply with the pre-renovation notification rule if I am a certified lead-safe renovator?

Yes, this rule has not changed. Contractors must notify the owner and occupants when they disturb paint in target housing and child-occupied facilities.

Where can I get additional information?

Contact the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Lead Poisoning Prevention at 800-972-2026.

