

# Attention!

## How Do Lead-Based Paint Laws Apply to YOU?

### When:

- You rent or buy a residential unit built before 1978!
- You make compensation of any sort for remodeling!

Federal law requires that You receive a lead hazard information pamphlet **BEFORE** renovations begin.



### Applicable to:

- Home Improvement Contractor
- Electricians & Plumbers
- Apartment Maintenance Staff
- Carpenters
- Painters
- Anyone who disturbs paint during their work
- Renovators/Remodelers
- "Handymen"

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# The Lead Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) Rule

## SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE LEAD PRE RULE COVER?

In General, Lead PRE applies to:

- Renovations (as defined below).
- performed in Pre-1978 housing, AND which is
- performed for Compensation.

**"Renovation"** means *any modification of all or part of any existing structure in the housing that disturbs painted surfaces*. "Renovation" includes:

- Removal/modification of painted surfaces, components, or structures
- Surface preparation activities (sanding/scraping/other activities that may create paint dust)
- Window replacement

--**Examples:**

- demolition of painted walls or ceilings
- Large surface replastering
- major plumbing repairs or improvements
- Any other activities which disturb more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces

**"Compensation"** is the receipt of anything of value (not only money), and may include:

- Exchanges of money, goods, or services
- Payment of rent to landlords/property managers

## ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LEAD PRE REQUIREMENTS?

YES, the following are exempted:

- Lead abatement activities performed by certified lead abatement contractors.
- Emergency renovations.
- Renovation of certified lead-based paint-free components.
- Minor repair/maintenance activities that disrupt less than 2 sq. ft. of painted surface.
- Renovations in dormitories/studio apartments/housing for the elderly or disabled.

## I'VE DETERMINED THAT MY WORK ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO LEAD PRE. . .

### WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO DO?

Specific Lead PRE Requirements depend upon the following criteria:

In owner-occupied housing, you must:

- Provide lead information pamphlet to owner and get written acknowledgment of receipt from the owner, OR
- Mail pamphlet to owner 7 days prior to renovation and document with certificate of mailing.

In tenant-occupied housing, you must:

- Provide pamphlet to both owner and an adult occupant per one of above methods.
- If attempted deliveries to adult occupant fail, you may leave pamphlet at unit and prepare certification describing delivery attempts for your files.

For renovations in "common areas" in Multi-Family Housing (More than 4 units), you must:

- Provide a pamphlet to building owner by one of the methods listed under owner-occupied housing above.
- Provide notice to each unit tenant in the building describing:
  - nature/location/timing of renovation.
  - pamphlet availability upon request.
- Retain written documentation describing notification procedures for three years.

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