

Are you a Florida Building Contractor Firm or do you work for Yourself?

Do you repair, renovate, or paint pre-1978 buildings? If so, you need to know about a new federal rule, or you could face hefty fines!

The Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rules from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) became law in April 2008. You must now use simple *lead-safe work measures to reduce lead dust* when working on any pre-1978 housing, child-care centers, and schools. The rule applies to buildings where children under age 6 are often present. It also includes those where a pregnant woman lives.

If your project disturbs more than six square feet of lead-based paint on the interior or 20 square feet of lead-based paint (unless it is KNOWN to be lead-free) on the exterior of any pre-1978 structures, you must follow the rule. You and your crew must be certified and properly trained to follow simple *lead-safe work measures to reduce lead dust* to ensure human health and safety.

WAIT!!!! Please see these important dates.

December 22, 2008 If you are performing renovations for compensation in pre-1978 child-occupied facilities (e.g., child care facilities, kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classrooms) must provide "Renovate Right" pamphlet to parents/owners before starting work.



April 22, 2009 If you want to seek certification as a renovator or dust sampling technician, you may take accredited training as soon as it is available.

October 22, 2009 Firms may begin applying to EPA for certification to conduct renovations.

April 22, 2010 Renovations in target (pre-1978) housing and child-occupied facilities must be conducted by certified renovation firms, using renovators with accredited training, and following the work practice requirements of the rule.

Do you have QUESTIONS?

Avoid a possible fine of up to \$35,000! Call the US EPA today to learn what the new federal rule requires. Call 1(800) 424-LEAD [5323] from 8 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday.

The Florida Department of Professional Regulation and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) want you to be aware of the new EPA rule. The rule affects everyone. Don't risk being exposed to lead or paying a fine!

If you have questions about how to comply with the rule, you may also call Ricky Harrison at the Florida DOH at 1-800-606-5810 from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Or email him at: Ricky_Harrison@doh.state.fl.us.