Uncontained Paint Removal is Against the Law

Disturbing or removing pre-1978 paint without safe work practices can be extremely hazardous to workers, occupants and neighbors and can contaminate the property.

Under California law, it is unlawful to use work practices that create a lead hazard and contaminate the environment.

Under Federal EPA rules, anyone conducting renovation, repair, or painting work for compensation, in pre-1978 buildings, including landlords, must be trained, certified and use lead-safe work practices. For more information go to **www.epa.gov/getleadsafe**.

Protect our workers and kids from lead dust!



Free training and on-site consultations are offered to owners of residential property built before 1978 in Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland.

Call the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 510-567-8280 or visit www.aclppp.org

Training Opportunities

Alameda County offers the EPA approved course in Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting *free* to owners of residential property built before 1978 in the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland.

Cost: Free to audit the class (see above) Cost of EPA certification = \$50

The Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is an EPA accredited training provider

Call 510-567-8280 or visit www.aclppp.org

Other local accredited training providers:

- ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. 510-638-8400 http://accenv.com
- CAL Inc.
 - 707-446-7996 www.cal-inc.com
- Contractors Career Centers, Inc. 818-303-4691 http://contractorslicensingschools.com/
- DIY Academy 408-315-1319 http://diyacademy.com
- Environmental Safety Training Professionals, Ltd 800-968-0590 www.estp.org
- Global Environmental Network, Inc. 800-230-6944 www.safetygeni.com
- HomeSafe Environmental
 800-648-LEAD www.homesafetraining.com
- RGA 510-899-7083 www.rgatraining.com
- SCA 510-645-6200 www.sca-enviro.com
- Sol Environmental, Inc. 866-611-9841 http://solenvironmental.com
- UC Berkeley Center for Occupational & Environmental Health 510-643-7277 http://coeh.berkeley.edu
- Wangerin Environmental
 925-825-1066 www.wangerinenvironmental

For a complete list of accredited training providers go to www.epa.gov/getleadsafe

Note: Some local paint stores such as Truitt and White, and Kelly Moore, and some rental property associations, such as the Apartment Owners Association, are sponsoring trainings.

Renovating, Repairing or Painting a home built before 1978?



Are you in compliance with the EPA Rule?



Learn How to Work Lead Safe!

Why is lead such a big issue?

Lead is found in the paint on most homes in this area built before 1978 and in the soil.

Disturbing lead paint can create dangerous levels of lead dust.

It only takes a small amount of lead dust to cause serious, long-term health problems for children and adults.

Because children may be lead poisoned but show no symptoms, children under 6 years old should have a blood test for lead.

Lead poisoning is preventable!



EPA Lead RRP Certification

The EPA Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule requires that anyone working on homes, child-care facilities and schools built before 1978 be trained in leadsafe work practices and that firms be EPA lead certified.

Who does this rule apply to?

Anyone working for compensation who is disturbing painted surfaces on pre-1978 homes or child-occupied facilities. This includes contractors, **landlords**, maintenance companies, handymen, electricians, painters, plumbers and others.

What do I need to do to comply?

- Get trained. You must take an 8 hour course in Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting from an EPA accredited training provider (see back panel). You will get your individual certification after successfully completing the course.
- 2) Get Your Firm Certified. In addition to having at least one certified individual, your firm must also submit an application and fee to EPA. Go to www.epa.gov/lead for more information.

3) Lead Safe Work Practices are required. Make sure that you practice on the job what you have learned in class.

Use Lead Safe Work Practices

Warning!

These work practices are PROHIBITED:

- Open flame burning
- Uncontained water blasting
- Using a heat gun at more than 1100°F
- Mechanical grinding/sanding without HEPA attachments

If not done properly, demolition, scraping, and sanding can create high levels of lead dust.

For information about lead safety for workers call the California Department of Public Health Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (866)-627-1587 or go to www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/ohb

Get trained and work lead safe!

What if I don't comply?

Firms who violate the EPA rule may be liable for civil penalties and subject to fines up to \$37,500.

