

## Uncontained Paint Removal is Against the Law

Disturbing or removing pre-1978 paint without containment of paint chips and dust 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 law, starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 anyone conducting renovation, repair, or painting work for compensation, in pre-1978 buildings, including landlords, will need to be trained, and firms must be certified, in lead-safe work practices.

For more information on the EPA rule go to:  
[www.epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe) .



Alameda County  
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program  
510-567-8280 [www.aclppp.org](http://www.aclppp.org)

## Training Opportunities

For tradespeople and landlords

**The Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** is a state-accredited and EPA accredited training provider. The following classes are offered:

1) HUD-EPA Approved Lead Safety for Remodeling, Repair and Painting Course  
8 hour course

Note: To become EPA certified you must **also** take a 4 hour Refresher Training. See below.

2) EPA Approved Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting Refresher Course.  
4 hour course

**Prerequisite:** Completion of an approved HUD-EPA Course in Lead-Safe Work Practices or California Lead-in-Construction certification.

Check [www.aclppp.org](http://www.aclppp.org) for the latest schedule.

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### Other local training providers:

CAL Inc. 707-446-7996  
[www.cal-inc.com](http://www.cal-inc.com)

Environmental Safety: 800-968-0590  
[www.estp.org](http://www.estp.org)

Global Environmental Network: 800-230-6944  
[www.SafetyGeni.com](http://www.SafetyGeni.com)

HomeSafe: 800-648-LEAD  
[www.homesafetraining.com](http://www.homesafetraining.com)

RGA: 510-899-7083 [www.rgatraining.com](http://www.rgatraining.com)

SCA: 510-645-6200 [www.sca-enviro.com](http://www.sca-enviro.com)

Wangerin Environmental: 925-825-1066  
[www.wangerinenvironmental.com](http://www.wangerinenvironmental.com)

For the most updated list of accredited  
training providers go to:  
[www.epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe)

## Renovating, Repairing or Painting a home, school, or childcare built before 1978?



## Are you in compliance with the EPA Rule?



As of April 22, 2010  
you must be trained and certified in  
lead safe work practices

## Learn How to Work Lead-Safe!

## Why is lead such a big issue?

Lead is found in the paint on most homes 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.

## Learn how to use lead-safe work practices.

## 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 lead-safe 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.

### When does the rule go into effect?

Currently, renovators must provide the EPA booklet *Renovate Right* to owners and occupants before the work begins.

Starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 individuals must be trained and all firms must be EPA certified.

### What do I need to do to comply?

- 1) **Get trained.** If you have taken a one-day HUD-EPA approved course in lead-safe work practices or are lead-certified by the state, you just need to take a 4 hour Refresher course from an accredited training provider. You will get your individual certification after successfully completing the course.
- 2) **Get Your Firm Certified.** Submit an application and fee to EPA. Go to [www.epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe)

## Use Lead Safe Work Practices

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

### 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.

### Learn how to 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**.

