

# Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Programs

[Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools](#) (PDF 626K) [En Español](#) (PDF 3.2MB)

**New Information Effective January 1, 2010 -**  
[North Carolina Requirements during Renovation, Repair, and Painting for Property Managers, Contractors, Schools, Home Owners and Occupants](#)

Lead-based paint hazards arise from three sources: lead-based paint in poor condition, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil. The improper disturbance or removal of lead-based paint may result in the production of paint chips and dust which may contaminate a structure inside and out. Young children, under the age of six, are the most vulnerable to the dangers potentially caused by exposure to lead-based paint and associated lead in dust.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) administers two lead-based paint programs in the state of North Carolina *in lieu of EPA*: the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for abatement activities (LHMP) and the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP). Through these programs, the HHCU provides information to the public and to business and industry about the health hazards of lead-based paint and ways to control or prevent lead poisoning. The HHCU certifies firms and individuals conducting lead-based paint abatement activities and/or renovation activities, accredits training providers and courses, and issues permits for lead-based paint abatement projects that occur in child-occupied facilities and housing built before 1978. The HHCU also inspects lead-based paint abatement projects.

For more information on the management of lead-based paint hazards in North Carolina, contact the [Health Hazards Control Unit](#) at (919) 707-5950.

## **Lead-Requirements for Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP)**

Common renovation activities can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

Under the [North Carolina Rules](#) (PDF), beginning January 1, 2010, dust sampling technicians, firms, and individuals performing renovation, repair and painting projects for compensation that disturb lead-based paint in homes and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Child-occupied facilities include, but are not limited to, child care facilities and schools with children under the age of 6 years of age that are built before 1978.

To get more information on the specific work practices and other actions required by reference in the North Carolina Rules, go to the EPA [rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices](#) (PDF).

### **Renovation, Repair and Painting Information for Property Owners**

The RRP program mandates that contractors, property managers and others working for compensation, in homes and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, must be trained and use lead-safe work practices. They are also required to provide the lead pamphlet "Renovate Right; Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools" to owners and occupants before starting renovation work.

Property owners have the ultimate responsibility for the safety of their family, tenants, or children in their care. To learn more about lead-safe work practices and actions you can take before beginning work, read EPA's lead hazard information pamphlet, [Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools](#) (PDF 626K) [En Español](#) (PDF 3.2MB).

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## **Renovation, Repair and Painting Information for Tenants and Families of Children under Age 6 in Child-Occupied Facilities**

Firms performing renovations must provide a copy of EPA's lead hazard information pamphlet, [Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools](#) (PDF 626K) [En Español](#) (PDF 3.2MB), to homeowners, tenants, and administrators of pre-1978 child care facilities and schools that will be renovated. Renovation information must also be available to the parents or guardians of children under age six that attend child care facilities and schools.

To find certified professionals for abatement or renovation activities select the following link: [Search for North Carolina Certified Lead Professionals](#)

## **Renovation, Repair and Painting Information for Contractors**

Contractors play an important role in helping to prevent lead exposure. Ordinary renovation and maintenance activities can create dust that contains lead. By following lead-safe work practices, you can prevent lead hazards.

The RRP program mandates that contractors, property managers and others working for compensation, in homes and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, must be trained and use lead-safe work practices. They are also required to provide the lead pamphlet "Renovate Right; Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools" to owners and occupants before starting renovation work.

After January 1, 2010, North Carolina requires you and your firm to be certified and to use lead-safe work practices. Read about how to comply by viewing the [North Carolina Rules 10A N.C.A.C. 41C .0900 - Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting](#) (PDF) and the associated EPA issued [rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices](#) (PDF).

- [More information on individual or firm certification](#)
- [More information on required training for certification](#)

## Certification of Firms and Individuals

A firm engaged in abatement activities must be a certified lead abatement firm. A firm engaged in regulated renovation activities (such as renovation, repair, or painting that disturbs greater than 6 square feet of interior painted surfaces or 20 square feet of exterior painted surfaces or dust sampling after renovation) must be a certified renovation firm. If a firm conducts abatement **and** renovation activities, then **both** certifications are required.

Individuals conducting lead-based paint abatement activities in North Carolina, such as inspections, risk assessments, abating lead-based paint hazards, clearance testing, designing abatement projects, etc. in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, must be certified by the State of North Carolina.

Individuals must also be certified by the State of North Carolina to perform renovation, repair and painting activities for compensation in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978. If an individual conducts both abatement and renovation activities, then both certifications are required.

To find certified professionals for either abatement or renovation projects select the following link: [Search for North Carolina Certified Lead Professionals](#)