

## Healthy Homes & Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

### **The New Renovation, Repair and Paint (RRP) Rule: For Contractors**

The Federal law creating the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP) went into effect on April 22, 2010 and updated on July 15, 2011. (40 CFR 745.80, Subpart E)

Contractors performing work that disturbs lead-based paint in homes, childcare facilities and schools built before 1978 must:

- ▶ Be individually certified by completing an EPA RRP training
- ▶ Be renovation firm certified by submitting application and fee to EPA
- ▶ Follow lead safe work practices to prevent lead contamination
- ▶ Provide the “Renovate Right” pamphlet available at [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf) to owners, occupants, operators and parents of children attending targeted facilities prior to starting work.
- ▶ Post informational signs about the renovation and repair work.
- ▶ Retain records of renovation, repair or painting activity.

Training and certification must be renewed every five years.

For more information and to learn more about how you can meet these requirements, read the “Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right” published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right handbook is available at [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf) and from the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-5323.

### **Who Must Follow the RRP Rule?**

Anyone who is paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, this may include, but is not limited to:

- ▶ Residential rental property owners/managers
- ▶ General Contractors
- ▶ Special trade contractors, including:
  - Painters
  - Plumbers
  - Carpenters
  - Electricians

### **What Activities Are Subject to the RRP Rule?**

Any activity that disturbs paint in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, including:

- ▶ Remodeling and repair/maintenance
- ▶ Electrical work
- ▶ Plumbing
- ▶ Painting
- ▶ Carpentry
- ▶ Window replacement
- ▶ Demolition

Training and certification are required for all home improvement activity that disturbs more than six square feet of interior or 20 square feet of exterior lead paint or window replacement in housing, child care facilities and schools built before 1978.

***Failure to comply with the EPA RRP rule can lead to EPA fines of up to \$37,500 per day per violation.***