

# If your activity (renovation, repair, or paint job) will disturb six square feet or more of painted surfaces – Read On!

## It's the Law!

On April 22, 2008, EPA issued a [rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices](#) and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, **beginning in April 22, 2010**, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 **must be certified** and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

The opportunity is here NOW to enroll in the 8-hour “Renovator training” in order to be CERTIFIED under the new rule. The certification is good for five years and allows a renovator to perform renovations in any State where EPA regulations are in effect. A violation to the new rule will be enforced and with a fine of up to \$37,500 per violation per day.

The **Renovator Training course is being offered in Richmond on Nov. 19, 2009**. The class is to be held in the Round House, William Byrd Park. Please register on-line with The Training Network ([www.lead safetraining.org](http://www.lead safetraining.org)) for Nov. 19, 2009 – space is limited.

Until April 2010, EPA recommends that anyone performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools follow lead-safe work practices.

All contractors should follow these three simple procedures:

- Contain the work area.
- Minimize dust.
- Clean up thoroughly.

Additional information and resources on best lead-safe work practices can be found on the EPA pamphlet [Contractors: Lead Safety During Renovation \(PDF\)](#). Website address: [http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/contractor\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/contractor_brochure.pdf)

## **Pre-Renovation Notification Requirement – Effective December 18, 2008**

Federal law requires that individuals (property owners and tenants) receive certain information before renovating (disturbing) six square feet or more of painted surfaces in a room for interior projects or more than twenty square feet of painted surfaces for exterior projects in housing, child care facilities and schools built before 1978.

Renovators (contractors renovating, repairing, or painting) must give home owners and tenants the pamphlet (downloadable notification) called: **Renovate Right, Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools**, USEPA (Website source: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf> ) before starting work.