The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Regulation: Does It Apply to YOU?

- Home Improvement Contractors
- Landlords/Property Managers
- Apartment Maintenance Staff
- Renovators & Remodelers
- Electricians & Plumbers
- Painters
- Carpenters
- Anyone whose work disturbs paint
What is the Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule (Lead PRE)?

- Lead PRE is a Federal regulation affecting renovations/repairs in residential housing built before 1978.
- Lead PRE is designed to provide residents of pre-1978 housing with information to help prevent lead exposure which can cause serious health effects, especially in children and pregnant women.

Who Must Follow These Requirements?

In general, anyone whose compensated work disturbs paint in housing built before 1978, including:

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

Generally, the New Lead PRE Rule Applies to YOU if:

- Your renovation/repair work involves houses/apartments built before 1978.
- You disturb more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces.
- You are compensated for the work, do the work in exchange for other services (bartering), or you or your staff do the work as property managers.
- Your work is not specifically excluded from this law.

What Does Lead PRE Require You to Do?

For work in houses or individual apartments:

- Distribute the pamphlet, Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home, to housing owners and occupants before starting renovations or repairs, AND
- Obtain confirmation of receipt of this pamphlet from owner and occupants (OR you may mail the pamphlet and obtain a certificate of mailing from the post office), AND
- Retain records for 3 years.

For work in common areas of multi-family housing:

- Distribute renovation notices to tenants.
- Retain records for 3 years.

What Work is Specifically Excluded from Lead PRE?

- Housing built in 1978 or later
- Housing for the elderly or disabled persons (unless children will reside there)
- Zero-bedroom dwellings (studio apartments, dormitories, etc.)
- Housing or components declared lead-free by a certified lead inspector or certified risk assessor
- Emergency renovations and repairs
- Minor repairs and maintenance that disturb 2 square feet or less of paint per component

To find out more about Lead PRE or to obtain the Protect Your Family From Lead pamphlet:

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