

For More Information

To learn more about lead, to get copies of the *Protect Your Family From Lead* pamphlet, and to obtain forms to document compliance to these rules, check out these sources:

Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Call your county Extension office. Look in your telephone directory under your county's name to find the number.

www.aces.edu

The National Lead Information Center

1-800-424-LEAD (5323)

Ask for publication EPA747-K-99-001

www.epa.gov/lead and www.hud.gov/lead

For a list of certified lead risk assessors or inspectors:

Alabama Department of Public Health

Indoor Air Quality/Lead Branch

www.adph.org/lead

1-800-819-7644

For information on how to get your child tested for lead:

Contact your doctor or local county health department.

Alabama Childhood Lead Poisoning

Prevention Project (ACLPPP)

<http://www.adph.org/aclppp/>

1-334-209-2966

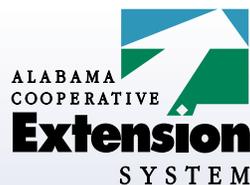
A note about Web site information: *If you do not have a computer, contact your local public or college library. Most libraries have free computers connected to the Internet.*

Source

The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule (Lead PRE)

Section 406(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act

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Remodeling a house or an apartment built before 1978?



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It may have lead-based paint!

Lead Paint: Rules for Remodelers

What are the dangers of lead?

Lead is poisonous. It is especially toxic to children under the age of six and to pregnant women.

In 1978, lead was banned in paint used in homes. Many homes built before 1978, and especially those built before 1950, contain lead-based paint.

Note: Lead-based paint that is in good condition (not cracked or chipped) is usually not a hazard.

The Law

The Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule (Lead PRE) is a federal regulation that may affect anyone whose work disturbs paint in housing built before 1978 AND who receives compensation for that work.

What is the law for remodelers?

Before renovating *houses* and *individual apartments* built before 1978, do the following:

- Provide the pamphlet *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home* to the owner and adult occupant of the home no more than **60 days before starting** renovation.
- Get **written acknowledgement** from the owner and adult occupant that the pamphlet was received (or get a **certificate of mailing** from the post office at least **7 days** before the start of the renovation if mailed).
- Keep notification records for **3 years**.

For work in *common* areas of *multifamily* housing built before 1978, do the following:

- Provide pamphlet *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home* to the owner of the housing **no more than 60 days** before starting the renovation.

- Get **written acknowledgement** from the owner that the pamphlet was received (or, if mailed, get a **certificate of mailing** from the post office at least **7 days** before the start of the renovation).

- **Notify the renters** of each housing unit of the renovation activity, and make the pamphlet available.

- Keep notification records for **3 years**.

You must follow this law:

- If you repair houses or apartments built before 1978

- If you are **compensated** for the work (receive payment in the form of money, goods or services)

- If you disturb more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces

You are not required to follow this law:

- If the home was **built after 1978**

- If the home is for the **elderly** or **persons with disabilities** (unless children are living there)

- If the home has **zero bedrooms** (studio apartments, dormitories, etc.)

- If building components affected by the renovation have been determined to be **lead-based paint-free** by a **certified lead inspector** or **certified risk assessor**

- If the repairs or renovations are made for **emergencies**

- If the repairs are minor repairs that disturb **less than 2 square feet** of paint for each part of the job

- If you are renovating your own home



Main Sources of Lead Poisoning

- Contaminated dust from peeling, chipping, chalking, or cracking lead-based paint most often found on surfaces that get a lot of wear and tear, including:

- Windows and windowsills

- Doors and door frames

- Stairs, railings and banisters

- Porches and fences

- Lead in soil around a home

- Lead solder in pipes

- Foreign-made vinyl miniblinds