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## FEDS UNVEIL NEW LEAD HANDLING REQUIREMENTS

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### ARE YOU A CONTRACTOR?

If so, there are important new federal guidelines that require you to obtain training/certification before working with lead paint or on buildings with lead paints.

On April 22, 2010 an EPA law went into effect stating that firms performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified, individual renovators must be trained by an EPA-accredited training provider, and the firms and renovators must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

EPA estimates that the costs to contractors to follow the work practices will range from \$8 to \$167 per job, with the exception of those exterior jobs where vertical containment would be required.

To become a certified renovator, individuals are required to take eight hours of training, of which two hours must be hands-on-training, to become certified. This training is good for five years. The cost of this training is set by individual training providers, not by EPA. In addition, renovation firms must be certified by EPA or by a state authorized by EPA to

administer its own program. Firm certification is easy; firms need to send in a two-page application to EPA and pay a fee of \$300. Certification is good for five years.



### ARE YOU A HOME OR BUSINESS OWNER?

If so, it's important to know the extent of lead-based materials in your home—and to hire certified contractors capable of handling such a job.

Lead paint poisoning affects over one million children today. If not done in a lead-safe manner, renovations and repair activities that disturb lead-based paint can expose children, as well as adults, to harmful levels of lead dust.

Fortunately, the EPA has issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe work practices aimed at prevent-

ing lead poisoning in children.

Before a contractor commences repair or renovation on your home or business, ask if he or she is Lead-Safe Certified. For more details about lead abatement, visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

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