

## ***DON'T SPREAD LEAD***

### **What are the sources of lead hazards in my home?**

- Chipping, peeling, or worn paint
- Painted or varnished furniture and woodwork
- Dust and work debris in your house
- Toys, children's jewelry, and other products
- Water from leaded pipes or fixtures

### **Is there a lead renovation regulation in Wisconsin?**

Yes, it is found in Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 163.

### **Who must follow the lead renovation regulation?**

The lead-safe regulation applies to workers who disturb paint in homes built before 1978, including:

- Painters and renovation contractors
- Electricians and plumbers
- Maintenance workers and handymen
- Landlords and property managers
- Anyone doing this work for compensation

### **What does the regulation require?**

- Lead-Safe Renovation training and certification
- Distribution of the *Renovate Right* pamphlet that has information for homeowners about lead
- Work practices that prevent the spread of dust and debris
- Daily cleaning and final proof of clean worksite

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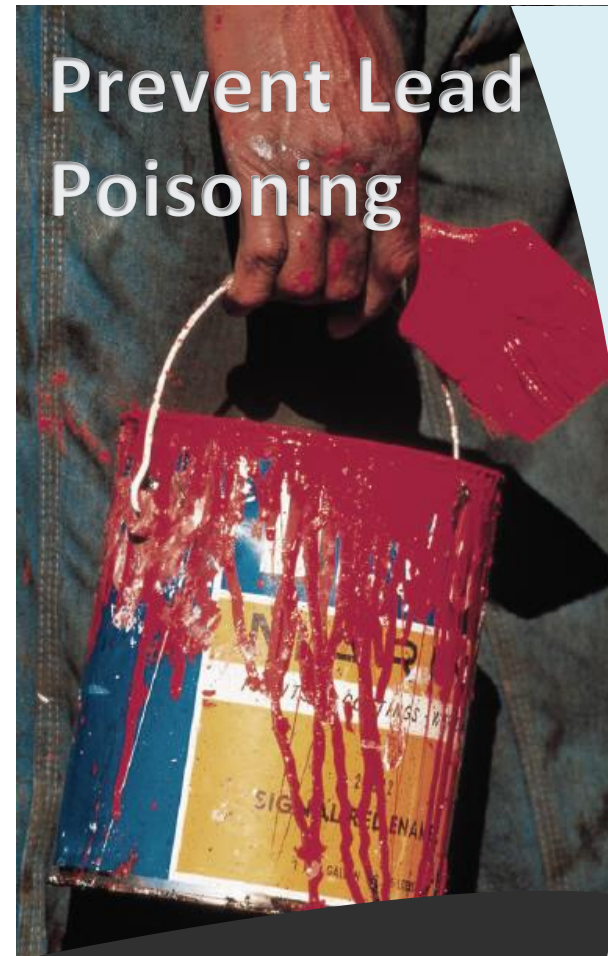


Asbestos and Lead Certification 608-261-6876  
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 608-266-5817

To learn more about lead poisoning, lead-safe work practices, certified lead-safe renovators, or lead regulations, visit our website at: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/index.htm).

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## Prevent Lead Poisoning



**If you own a home built before 1978, here are 5 reasons to hire a certified lead-safe contractor.**

**Certified lead-safe contractors are more likely to work lead-safe, and thereby:**

- ① Protect your young children from lead poisoning and the permanent damage it causes.**
- ② Protect your family's health.**
- ③ Leave your home safe and clean.**
- ④ Show professional responsibility.**
- ⑤ Follow the law.**

## 5 REASONS TO HIRE A CERTIFIED LEAD-SAFE CONTRACTOR:

### 1 You'll protect your children from lead.

Lead harms a young child's developing brain, nervous system, and organs. As a result, they may:

- Struggle to learn in school
- Act out or be suspended
- Make bad choices, such as commit a crime

### 2 You'll protect your family's health.

Lead exposure can also cause:

- High blood pressure, heart attack, stroke
- Early memory loss
- Risk of miscarriage or infertility in women and men

Keep yourself, your family members, and pets out of the work area.

### 3 You'll maintain your home's safety.

You should see these lead-safe work practices:

- Warning signs and tape in work area
- Furniture moved from work area or covered with plastic
- Plastic on floors in work area
- Edges of plastic taped to floor or wall
- Doors and vents sealed off
- Daily cleaning

### 4 You'll have a contractor that shows professional responsibility.

Certified contractors should:

- Provide the *Renovate Right* pamphlet.
- Avoid creating lead hazards in your home.
- Not burn paint with an open flame or use a power washer to remove old paint.
- Not use tools to sand, grind, or blast unless attached to a special-filtered vacuum.
- Properly dispose of waste.
- Leave the work area clean each day.
- When work is done, use a cleaning card to prove work area is safely cleaned.

### 5 They'll be following the law!

Contractors are required to be trained and certified and work lead-safe in homes built before 1978. In Wisconsin, a contractor who violates this law may be fined up to \$5,000 per violation per day.

Find a Wisconsin certified lead-safe contractor near you at:  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/contractor/leadsafecompany.pdf](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/contractor/leadsafecompany.pdf)

## The bottom line

Contractors who work lead-safe may charge a bit more for the work. Additional costs include materials such as plastic sheeting and some extra setup and cleanup time.

The Lead-Safe Renovation Rule makes sure that contractors' methods are safe for your family.

## Keep in mind

In 2014 almost 4,000 Wisconsin children were lead-poisoned. Don't let your child be affected by lead during renovation.

The added cost of working lead-safe is minor when compared with the costs and heartache of a lead-poisoned child.

Before beginning work, your contractor must give you this pamphlet entitled *Renovate Right*:



Make sure contractors are certified by asking to see their **blue** Wisconsin certification card.

