

Are you compliant?

The Iowa Department of Public Health has now begun enforcing the law and failure to comply can result in hefty fines.

The Lead Safe Renovator rule includes, but is not limited to, contractors and maintenance staff who provide these services:

- plumbers
- painters
- electricians
- HVAC
- windows, siding, gutters and roofing
- flooring
- garage doors
- central vac
- handyman services
- countertops and cabinets

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Contractors

Follow The Lead Safe Renovator Rule

If you or your company provides remodeling, renovation or other home and building improvement services, don't risk facing thousands of dollars in fines. And, more importantly, don't place your tenants and clients at risk for lead poisoning. With proper certification, you don't need to limit your work to housing and buildings built after 1978.

How do I comply with the rule?

Contractors must take an approved 8-hour lead-safe renovator course. If you already took an approved lead-safe work practices course, you must take a 4-hour refresher course.

How does my company comply with the rule?

Companies that conduct renovation must be certified. You must assign at least one certified lead-safe renovator to each job. The certified lead-safe renovator must train other workers on each job. Workers must use lead-safe work practices. Your firm must be certified.

Iowa Specific Rules

It is important to remember that Iowa administers its own Lead Safe Renovator training & certification program. Iowa's requirements and regulations are stricter than those of the EPA, therefore a contractor working in Iowa MUST be certified by Iowa, even if he has already been EPA certified.

Federal and Iowa laws now mandate that any contractor or maintenance staff member whose work will disrupt more than **ONE** square foot of a painted surface in pre-1978 housing or child-occupied facilities must be trained and certified in lead-safe work practices.

Home/Building Owners

Before working on any home or child-occupied facility built before 1978, contractors must provide the brochure *Lead Poisoning – How To Protect Iowa Families* to clients and building occupants prior to commencing work. They must also obtain the proper signatures on the notification forms included in the brochure.

To minimize your risk, always choose a contractor who is certified by the Iowa Department of Public Health as a Lead Safe Renovator. A few tips on ensuring you select a well-trained contractor include:

- ask to see a copy of their certificate
- make sure your agreement/contract with the contractor spells out clearly who will test for lead, how the work will be set up, performed and how the work area will be cleaned
- verify that the contractor is certified in Iowa by calling the Iowa Lead Prevention Bureau at 1-800-972-2026.