



Wisconsin's Lead-Safe Renovation Rule, DHS 163 Guidelines for Renovation Contractors and Painters

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is now approved by the U.S. EPA to administer and enforce the Lead-Safe Renovation program in Wisconsin.

Safe renovation of old housing is the best way to protect Wisconsin children from lead poisoning. Renovators who are not trained in lead-safe work practices risk exposing themselves and occupants to lead at the job site and exposing their own families by bringing lead dust home on their work clothes.

The Law: Beginning April 22, 2010, renovation work will be regulated when performed for compensation in a dwelling or child-occupied facility built before 1978 and it disturbs 6 sq. ft. or more of paint per room, 20 sq. ft. or more of exterior paint, or involves windows.

By April 22, 2010, a renovation contractor must:

1. Work for or become a **Certified Lead-Safe Company** (including self-employed persons)
 - ⇒ To become a certified company, apply to DHS.
 - ⇒ Lead-Safe Company certification is \$75 and is valid for 2 years.
2. Become a **Certified Lead-Safe Renovator** or work with a Certified Lead-Safe Renovator.
 - ⇒ To become certified, complete required training and apply to DHS for certification.
 - ⇒ Lead-Safe Renovator certification is \$50 and is valid for 2 years.
 - ⇒ Each renovation project must have a certified Lead-Safe Renovator in charge.

Training required for Lead-Safe Renovators:

- ⇒ 1-day **Lead-Safe Renovation Initial Course**.
- ⇒ Or, if you completed a Lead-Safe Work course in Wisconsin before August 2009, you may take a 4-hour **Lead-Safe Renovator Refresher Course** to qualify.
- ⇒ **Refresher training** is required every 4 years.
- ⇒ Visit the DHS website at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead to find approved training providers, or call 608-261-6876.