

## Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)

### About the Risks:

Lead-based paint (LBP) is still present across the U.S. It is estimated that more than a million children are currently affected by exposure to lead through LBP. Exposure to lead, either by exposure to LBP or to other lead-containing substances or activities, has been proven to affect almost every system in the human body.

- **Children:** The most concerning impacts of lead exposure for children are the well-documented, long-term, negative developmental effects such as lower intelligence, behavioral problems, and learning disabilities. Other adverse effects include decreased growth, negative effects on the kidneys, and hearing and balance impairment.
- **Pregnant women:** Lead exposure can be harmful or fatal to a developing fetus.
- **All adults:** Exposure to lead can cause many health concerns for adults, including negative neurological effects, reduced fertility, hypertension, and acute or chronic kidney impairment.

### What the Public Needs to Know:

You can reduce risk of lead exposure by proper handling of LBP and/or LBP dust at home. If your house was built prior to 1978, LBP is likely present. Therefore, according to the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule, you must hire RRP-certified individuals and RRP-certified firms to do any renovation, repair, or painting work in your home that is likely to disturb more than six square feet (interior) or twenty square feet (exterior) of painted surfaces, or any type of window replacement. This will ensure that any LBP present is safely handled.

Property management companies, as well as apartment and condominium owners or managers, must also use RRP-certified individuals and firms if the residential building was built prior to 1978. Schools, day care centers, and other places where children spend time (known as child-occupied facilities) built prior to 1978 are also covered by the RRP rule, and thus certified individuals and firms must be used to perform renovation work at those facilities as well.

### What Contractors Need to Know:

The RRP rule sets requirements for renovation, repair, or painting work conducted in target housing and child-occupied facilities where surfaces with LBP might be disturbed (see OAC 252:110 Lead-Based Paint Management for definitions and applicability). The rule requires certification of individual contractors and companies that perform renovation work for compensation on pre-1978 housing or child-occupied facilities and requires RRP training for certified contractors.



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Affected companies and contractors can include but are not limited to: property management companies, renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters, and maintenance staff who disrupt more than six square feet of lead paint in pre-1978 homes, schools, day care centers, or other places where children spend time.

## DEQ's Role:

DEQ implements the RRP rule for Oklahoma and provides information, oversees accreditation of training programs, regulates the certifications of individuals and firms, and enforces all work practice standards. To address problems, DEQ staffs a 24-hour toll-free environmental complaint line at 1-800-522-0206.

## More Information

For more information, please contact DEQ's Lead-Based Paint Program at 405-702-4100  
<https://www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/lead-based-paint/>