



# EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule

## Does the RRP Rule apply to you?

The rule applies to all jobs in pre-1978 housing (i.e. "Target Housing") and child occupied facilities where more than 6 square feet per room or 20 square feet outside will be "disturbed" by worker(s) being compensated for the job. This includes landlords.

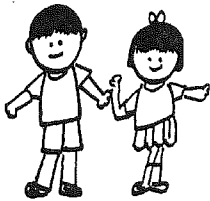
## Where does the RRP Rule Apply?

The rule applies in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities\*



**Target Housing** - A house or apartment (including mobile homes) built before January 1, 1978 except for:

- 1) 0-bedroom units (like dorm rooms or studio apartments)
- 2) housing that is officially designated for the elderly or the handicapped
- 3) housing that has been tested by a State Certified Lead Inspector and found to be free of lead based paint.



**Child Occupied Facility** - A building, or portion of a building, constructed prior to 1978, visited by the same child, 6 years of age or under, on at least 2 different days within any week, provided that each day's visit lasts at least 3 hours, the combined weekly visit lasts at least 6 hours, and the combined annual visits last at least 60 hours. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to, day-care centers, preschools and kindergarten classrooms.

## What does the RRP Rule Require? \*California Law requires lead-safe work practices for all pre-1978 buildings.

1. **Pamphlet Distribution**—Contractors must give clients a pamphlet called "Renovate Right" and get a signed receipt before beginning a job.
2. **Individual Certification**—At least one RRP Certified Renovator is required at each job site. Certification involves taking a 1-day class from an EPA Accredited Training Provider.
3. **Firm Certification**—In addition to individual certification, each firm, agency or non-profit must also become RRP certified.
4. **On-the-Job-Training**—RRP Certified Renovators are required to train all non-certified people at the job site. Note: Contractors who work on buildings receiving Federal assistance, including Section 8, must have everyone trained in the classroom, or have a state-certified lead in construction supervisor present.
5. **Paint Testing**—The rule requires contractors to either test paint they will disturb BEFORE beginning a job, or assume that it is lead-based. In California contractors may not test paint. Instead, current law requires that they must assume that all surfaces in all structures built before 1978 contain lead based paint. The only people who can test for lead-based paint in California are State Certified Lead Inspectors/Risk Assessors.
6. **Use Lead Safe Work Practices**—The RRP Rule requires that "Lead Safe Work Practices" be used when disturbing more than six (6) square feet per room inside or more than twenty (20) square feet of painted surfaces outside.
7. **Cleaning Verification**—At the end of each job, contractors are required to do a "cleaning verification" to make sure they cleaned up properly.

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