



Information on Wisconsin Rules for Out-of-State Lead-Safe Renovator Applicants

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is approved by the U.S. EPA to administer and enforce the Lead-Safe Renovation program in Wisconsin. This fact sheet includes information you need to know for conducting regulated lead renovation work in Wisconsin.

Terminology

- EPA 'Firm' = Wisconsin 'Lead-Safe Company'
- EPA 'Renovator' = Wisconsin 'Lead-Safe Renovator'

DHS Certification Requirements

- **WI Lead-Safe Company certification:** \$75 with renewal every 2 years.
- **WI Lead-Safe Renovator certification:** \$50 every 2-years.
- WI Lead-Safe Renovators must:
 - Be in possession of their certification card when at a regulated work site
 - Re-certify every 2 years
 - Complete refresher training every 4 years (1 year grace period)
- EPA requires company certification at a cost of \$300 every 5 years. Individuals are considered 'certified' after they receive their training completion certificate. Individuals must take refresher training every 5 years.

Definition of Lead-Based Paint and Approval of Test Kits

- Wisconsin defines lead-based paint as 0.7 mg/cm² lead in dried film of paint or **.06% lead by weight** (600 ppm)
- EPA defines lead-based paint as 1.0 mg/cm² lead or **0.5% by weight** (5,000 ppm)
- DHS will recognize paint test kits that detect lead to Wisconsin standards
- Any test kits recognized in Wisconsin will be posted at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead

EPA Homeowner Opt-Out and Renovation Reports

- There is **NO homeowner opt-out** from lead-safe work practices in Wisconsin
- On 4/22/2010 EPA announced their permanent rule removing the homeowner opt-out from its rule. This will go into effect on July 6, 2010.

Prohibited Work Practices in Wisconsin (bolded are WI-only, others are both WI and EPA)

1. Open-flame burning, torching or charring of paint is prohibited.
2. Operating a heat gun on paint at or above 1100 degrees Fahrenheit is prohibited.
3. **Chemical paint strippers containing methylene chloride are prohibited.**
4. High speed machine paint removal such as abrasive blasting, sandblasting, needle gunning, or machine sanding, grinding or planing, is prohibited unless operated with HEPA-filtered exhaust control in a fully contained work area.
5. **High-pressure water blasting or hydroblasting is prohibited unless conducted in a fully contained work area with HEPA-filtered exhaust control and water collection.**
6. **Improperly operating HEPA vacuums are prohibited.**
7. **Dry sweeping dust, debris or paint chips in a renovation work area is prohibited.**