Wisconsin’s Lead-Safe Renovation Rule, DHS 163

Guidelines for
Renovation Contractors and Painters

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is 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: Renovation work is regulated when it is performed for compensation in a dwelling or child-occupied facility built before 1978 and the work disturbs 6 sq. ft. or more of paint per room, 20 sq. ft. or more of exterior paint, or involves windows.

1. A renovation contractor must be Certified as a Lead-Safe Renovator or must have a Certified Lead-Safe Renovator in charge of the work site.
   To become certified –
   ⊳ Complete the 1-day Lead-Safe Renovation Initial Course
   ⊳ Apply to DHS for certification:
      ⊳ Lead-Safe Renovator certification is $50 and is valid for 2 years.
      ⊳ Certification is renewable every 2 years.
      ⊳ A ½-day Refresher course is required every 4 years.
   ⊳ Find approved training providers and forms at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead
   ⊳ Every renovation project must have a certified Lead-Safe Renovator in charge.

2. A renovation contractor must work for or be a Certified Lead-Safe Company (including self-employed persons/sole proprietors)
   ⊳ To become a certified company, apply to DHS.
   ⊳ Lead-Safe Company certification is $75 and is valid for 2 years.
   ⊳ Certification is renewable every 2 years.
   ⊳ Find application forms and other information at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead.

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Check out the CONTRACTOR CORNER on our website at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead