



Wisconsin's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, DHS 163

Guidelines for Department of Safety & Professional Services-Certified Plumbers, HVAC and Fire System Installers & Servicers

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (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 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.

Working within the scope of the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) certification

A DSPS certified plumber, HVAC or fire sprinkler system installer/servicer working within the scope of his or her DSPS certification **is not required** to be separately certified by DHS. However, compliance with all other renovation rules **is** required, including:

- ⇒ Completion of an 8-hour **Lead-Safe Renovation Initial Course**. You can find a list of approved training providers at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead.
- ⇒ Keeping the course completion certificate at every regulated jobsite
- ⇒ Using appropriate lead-safe work practices and containment, and following all cleaning and cleaning verification protocols
- ⇒ Keeping required renovation records
- ⇒ A 4-hour Lead-Safe Renovator Refresher training is required every 4 years

Working outside the scope of DSPS certification

A DSPS-certified plumber, HVAC or fire sprinkler system installer/servicer who conducts renovation work outside the scope of his or her DSPS certification (such as an HVAC installer who also paints houses) is required to comply with all individual and company certification requirements of the rule. See the Guidelines for Renovation Contractors guidance at www.dhs.wi.gov/lead for information on these requirements.

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