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New North Carolina Requirements for Renovation, Repair, and Painting

North Carolina's new Lead Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) went into effect January 1, 2010. This Program was initiated in response to new US EPA regulations intended to protect building occupants and children from lead-based paint hazards.

The new regulations apply to renovation, repair and painting work done for compensation in housing and child-occupied facilities built prior to 1978. They require firms performing renovations in these facilities to be certified by the NC Program, to use a certified renovator on each project, and to train their employees to follow lead-safe work practices.

Housing and child-occupied facilities, such as day-care centers and pre-schools, built prior to 1978 must be assumed to contain lead-based paint unless testing shows that none exists. This determination may be made by a North Carolina certified lead renovator who has tested the components that will be disturbed by the renovation. A written determination by a NC certified lead inspector or risk assessor may also be used to show that there are no lead painted components in the structure.

If lead-based paint is present or assumed to be present in a facility being renovated, the Program requires that the contractor performing the renovation provide owners and occupants with the pamphlet – "The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right." The pamphlet must also be provided to parents and guardians of children under age six who attend pre-school or daycare programs located in a structures built prior to 1978 prior to conducting any renovations. The pamphlet explains the health effects of lead exposure and provides general information on how renovation projects should be conducted in a lead-safe manner.

– To get more information on the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program, visit the following website or contact the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) by calling 919-707-5950; or visit the following website:

North Carolina Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program
<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>

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