

Federal EPA Regulation - Effective as of April 22, 2010



Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule - Lead Based Paint Certification

All properties built prior to 1978 should be considered as target housing for lead-based paint hazards. Defective, peeling and/or flaking paint on any interior or exterior surface must be repaired following EPA guidelines and by certified persons.

Replacing *cabinets, windows and doors*, or fixing a plumbing leak can also trigger this requirement. *If paint is disturbed in a target dwelling for any renovation procedure, this rule goes into effect.*

According to the EPA, after April 22, 2010, "... no firm working in target housing or child-occupied facilities, where lead-based paint will be affected by the work, may perform, offer or claim to perform renovations without EPA Firm Certification."



OC Property Services is a certified RRP *firm* as well as having *individual* certification and training in lead safe work practices and other protective requirements for work involving lead paint to buildings.

However, in California, contractors may not test paint. Instead, current law requires that we 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.

To find out what all this means for you, please call us and for more information visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

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