# **CHILDPROOF YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENTS.**

### **HAVING WORK DONE ON YOUR PLACE? USE A LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR.**

#### **The Danger**

Lead paint hazards have not gone away. If your home or apartment was built before 1978, unqualified workers could spread lead paint dust. Even doing a small job.

- Kids: Lead exposure can cause lower intelligence, behavior problems and learning disabilities.
- Pregnant women: Lead paint dust can be harmful to your developing fetus.
- All adults: Exposure to lead paint dust can cause nervous system effects, high blood pressure, fertility problems, and even kidney effects.

#### The Renovate Repair and Painting Rule

The EPA is requiring that contractors be Lead-Safe Certified.

- Contractors include: renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters and maintenance staff who disrupt more than six square feet of lead paint.
- This rule also covers schools, day care centers, or any buildings where children gather.

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#### **The Solution**

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Protect your family and loved ones.

 Make sure to hire a contractor who is Lead-Safe Certified. It may cost just a little more but you'll get the job done right.

To find a contractor who is Lead-Safe Certified near you, visit epa.gov/getleadsafe or call 800-424-LEAD.





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