# HIRING CERTIFIED LEAD PROFESSIONALS

### **LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS**

A lead-based paint hazard is any condition resulting from deteriorating (peeling, chipping, chalking or cracking) paint, which causes exposure to lead from paint, dust or soil.

Directions: This home has eight lead-based paint hazards. Find and circle areas in this home where it looks like paint is peeling, chipping, chalking or cracking.



ANSWERS
1. bedroom door 2. bathroom wall 3. kitchen windows 4.(living room) trim/door frame 5. house exterior paint 6. soil 7. railing 8. stairs

For more information, contact the National Lead Information Center (NLIC) at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323)

### **UNDERSTANDING LEAD TERMS**

Directions: Write the number of the term next to its definition.

#### **Terms**

- 1. Lead-based paint inspection
- 2. Lead-based paint risk assessment
- 3. Lead abatement
- 4. Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule

Definitions	
	An activity designed to address lead-based paint hazards. There are four options: replacement, removal, enclosure and encapsulation. Replacement and removal activities completely remove lead-based paint. Enclosure and encapsulation methods are applied on top of lead-based paint in good condition without removing the lead-based paint.
	An activity that tells you if your home has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust or soil and <b>what actions to take to address those hazards</b> . Most helpful if a home is suspected or known to contain lead-based paint or to develop a plan to address existing hazards.
	An activity that tells you if your home has lead-based paint and <b>where lead-based paint is located</b> . Most helpful when buying a home, signing a lease and before renovating.
	A federal law that requires firms that disturb painted surfaces in homes, child care facilities and preschools, built before 1978 to be certified and their employees trained in the use of lead-safe work practices that minimize occupants' exposure to lead hazards by: containing the work area; minimizing dust; cleaning up properly; and disposing of waste properly to prevent lead contamination.

ANSWERS 3, 2, 1, 4

## LEAD ABATEMENT AND RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING (RRP) REVIEW

- 1. TRUE OR FALSE Anytime you disturb surfaces painted with lead-based paint, even if the paint is covered by layers of newer paint, you risk creating hazardous lead dust.
- 2. TRUE OR FALSE Lead abatement projects are designed to address lead-based paint hazards.
- 3. TRUE OR FALSE RRP firms are not required to be trained and certified when working on pre-1978 homes.
- 4. TRUE OR FALSE I should look for this logo when hiring a contractor for RRP work.



5. A Lead-Safe Certified contractor	must follow lead-safe work practices that
(select all that apply):	
☐ Contain the work area.	
☐ Dispose of waste properly.	

☐ Clean up thoroughly.

☐ Avoid generating large amounts of lead dust.

1. TRUE 2. TRUE 3. FALSE 4. TRUE 5. all apply