



## Wisconsin's Lead-Safe Renovation Rule, DHS 163

### Guidelines for

### Renovation Contractors and Painters

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is approved by the U.S. 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.

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**The Law:** Renovation work is regulated when it is 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.

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1. A renovation contractor must be **Certified** as a **Lead-Safe Renovator** or must have a Certified Lead-Safe Renovator in charge of the work site.  
To become certified –
  - ⇒ Complete the 1-day **Lead-Safe Renovation Initial Course**
  - ⇒ Apply to DHS for certification:
    - ⇒ Lead-Safe Renovator certification is \$50 and is valid for 2 years.
    - ⇒ Certification is renewable every 2 years.
    - ⇒ A ½-day **Refresher course** is required every 4 years.
  - ⇒ Find approved training providers and forms at [www.dhs.wi.gov/lead](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/lead)
  - ⇒ Every renovation project **must have a certified Lead-Safe Renovator** in charge.
2. A renovation contractor must work for or be a **Certified Lead-Safe Company** (including self-employed persons/sole proprietors)
  - ⇒ To become a certified company, apply to DHS.
  - ⇒ Lead-Safe Company certification is \$75 and is valid for 2 years.
  - ⇒ Certification is renewable every 2 years.
  - ⇒ Find application forms and other information at [www.dhs.wi.gov/lead](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/lead).

### ??? Have More Questions ???

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