IF YOU'RE NOT LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED, DISTURBING JUST SIX SQUARE FEET COULD COST YOU BIG TIME.

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LEAD-SAFE EPA CERTIFIED FIRM

If you're working on homes, schools or day care centers built pre-1978, you now must be EPA Lead-Safe Certified.

WHAT

The Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule is a federal regulatory program affecting anyone who disturbs painted surfaces where lead may be present.

- Submit an application to certify your firm for five years.
- A one-day class will certify your renovators for five years.
- Learn the required steps to contain the work area, minimize dust and thoroughly clean up every day.

WHO

- Any contractor, including renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters and maintenance staff, who disrupts more than six square feet of lead paint in pre-1978 homes, schools, day care centers and other places where children spend time.

WHY

1. Avoid risk of government fines and civil liability:
   - Without certification and by not following approved practices, you and your company can face tens of thousands of dollars in fines and put yourself and your company at risk of potential lawsuits.
2. Protect your workers, yourself and your customers from a health risk:
   - Dust from renovation, repairs and painting can contaminate an entire home and, if inhaled or ingested, can cause irreversible damage to children and adults.
3. Gain competitive advantage:
   - Certification makes you stand out from others and positions you as a professional contractor consumers can trust. Using your company's certification in your marketing materials may help attract business.
   - Consumers will look for the certification before hiring contractors and may be more accepting of additional costs and time associated with doing the job safely.
   - Upon certification of your firm, your company will be listed as a Lead-Safe Certified Contractor on the EPA website, giving your firm the potential for new customers.

WHERE

To find an accredited trainer in your local area or get additional info, go to epa.gov/getleadsafe or call 800-424-LEAD.

WHEN

Now – Certification requirements begin April 22, 2010.