

EPA Lead Training
Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting
Certification Deadline
April 22, 2010

Dear CCIA Members and Friends:

Are you a landlord? Are you a rehabber? Do you hire contractors? If any of these apply to you, you need to pay close attention to the new EPA rule.

At CCIA meetings I have been telling you about the new EPA rule on Lead Safe Renovation, Repair, and Painting. This rule requires most all of your workers and contractors and possibly even you to be “certified” before working on pre-1978 housing. The fines for non-compliance start at \$32,500. This is an awfully big stick – You need to pay attention, and make sure your workers do too.

Here is the EPA’s webpage pertaining to the new rules:

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/toolkits.htm>. Please note: Wisconsin, Iowa and North Carolina have their own rules – see the EPA site for the appropriate links.

There are 2 facilities in our area that are currently running the certification classes. And, we have even negotiated a CCIA discount for you!

Please take action on this quickly. Classes fill up fast, and the Certificate process is expected to take up to 90 days to complete as we get closer to the April deadline.

Jane Garvey

CERTIFICATION TRAINING CLASSES

The EPA RRP Rule (*Renovation, Repair and Painting*) requires all contractors that work on pre-1978 housing and disturb more than 6 square feet of paint interior (per room) or 20 square feet of paint exterior or engage in window replacements or door replacements **to be Certified Renovators by April 22, 2010**. This new rule includes but is not limited to renovators, remodelers, plumbers, painters, electricians, window & door contractors, landlords and some building engineers. It also requires individuals conducting lead-based paint activities (abatement, inspection, and risk assessment) in target housing and child-occupied facilities to be trained and certified.

In addition to taking the RRP Certification Class, the EPA requires you to become a “Certified Firm”. Even if you are a company of one, you still need a contractor number and are considered a “Firm”.

As of 4/22/10, only “Certified Firms” using “Certified Renovators” may work on, or advertise to work on homes and units built prior to 1978.

Application to Become a Certified Firm: Here is the link to the EPA website's downloadable application -- <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>. The cost for certification is \$300. Note: That is in addition to your training cost. You should apply as soon as possible as they anticipate the waiting time for approval to increase drastically as more people find out about this requirement.

Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting: *This 8-hour course includes 6 hours of book training, checklists, forms and exam followed by 2 hours of hands on training in lead safe work practices.*

Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting Refresher: *This 4-hour refresher course will required every 5 years for recertification.*

Occupational Training & Supply, Inc. -- Training Nationwide

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8-hour Class -- \$250.00 – required for certification

4-hour Class -- \$160.00 – for recertification only

NOTE: CCIA & IRPOA have secured a special discount for the 8-hour course.

Mention CCIA or IRPOA and you will save \$50 off the 8-hour training. If you organize a group of 25 or more, be sure to ask for their group discount!

Public Health & Safety, Inc. -- Training Nationwide

Two Training Sites Available:

37 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60607

and, Habitat for Humanity, RESTORE, 800 N. State St., Elgin, IL

Contact: Joe Bianco, Joe@rrpreno.com

Phone: 312-421-7397

Website: <http://www.rrprenoatortraining.com>

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