

Do you do Renovations, Repairs or Maintenance on pre-1978 residences?

If so, have you become MDEQ Lead-safe certified to conduct this work? If not, you could be in violation of Mississippi's Renovation, Repair and Painting Regulations.

The Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Regulations became law in April 2010. You must now use simple *Lead-safe work practices* to reduce toxic lead dust when working on any pre-1978 residence, child-care facility, or school. Firms and Individuals **must** be certified with MDEQ or they could be in violation of State law.

All paint in a pre-1978 residence or child-care building is considered to contain lead until tested.

If your project disturbs more than 6 square feet of paint inside a room, 20 square feet of paint on the outside of a building or involves the removal of a window or other architectural feature then you **must** test the paint for the presence of lead. You **must** be certified by MDEQ to test the paint and if lead is present, then you **must** inform the owner and tenant of the lead hazards.

Don't be responsible for poisoning a child.

Failure to use the *Lead-safe work practices* could result in lead poisoning of the children and/or pregnant women. Failure to comply with the RRP Regulations could also result in civil penalties and fines.

For additional information:

Call: MS Department of Environmental Quality
Lead Program
601-961-5171 or 1-877-671-7139
<https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/air/lead-based-paint/>