

# CHILDPROOF YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENTS.

HAVING WORK DONE ON YOUR PLACE?  
USE A LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR.

## The Danger

Lead paint poisoning hasn't gone away. If your home or apartment was built before 1978, unqualified workers could spread lead paint dust. Even doing a small job.

- **Kids:** Over a million are affected right now; lead exposure can cause lower intelligence, behavior problems and learning disabilities.
- **Pregnant women:** Lead paint dust can be harmful to your developing fetus.
- **All adults:** Exposure to lead paint dust can cause high blood pressure, hypertension, and even kidney effects.

## The New Rule

The EPA is requiring that contractors be Lead-Safe Certified.

- Contractors include: renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters and maintenance staff who disrupt more than six square feet of lead paint.
- If you live in an apartment or condominium, it is your right to insist on a Lead-Safe Certified contractor.

- This rule also covers schools, day care centers, or any buildings where children gather.

## The Solution

Protect your family and loved ones.

- Make sure to hire a contractor who is Lead-Safe Certified. It may cost just a little more but you'll get the job done right.

To find a contractor who is Lead-Safe Certified near you,  
visit [epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://epa.gov/getleadsafe) or call 800-424-LEAD.

