## What is the Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Education Rule (Lead PRE)?

- Lead PRE is a Federal regulation affecting renovations/repairs in residential housing built before 1978.

- Lead PRE is designed to provide residents of pre-1978 housing with information to help prevent lead exposure which can cause serious health effects, especially in children and pregnant women.

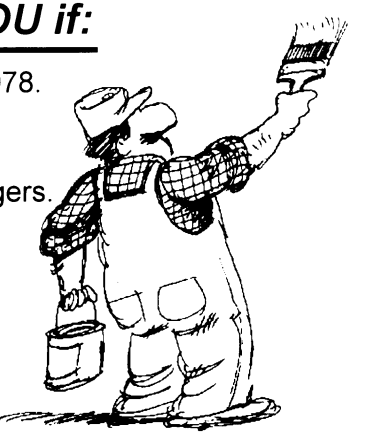
## Who Must Follow These Requirements?

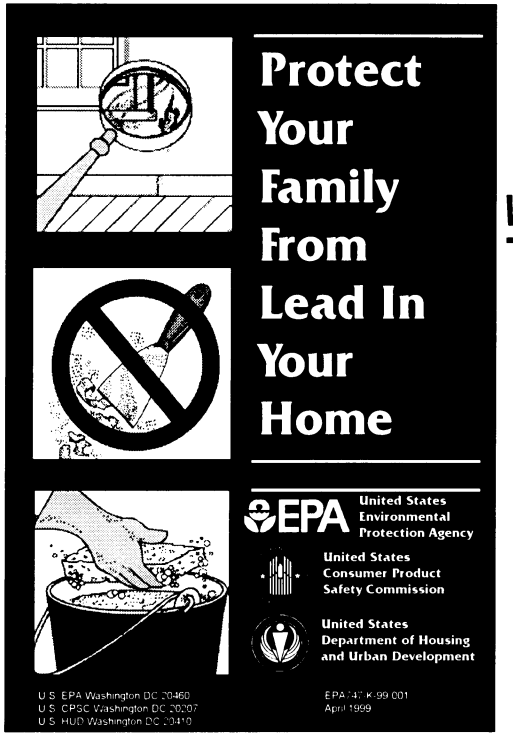
In general, anyone whose compensated work disturbs paint in housing built before 1978, including:

- Residential rental property owners/managers
- General contractors
- Special trade contractors, including: Painters, Plumbers, Carpenters, Electricians.

## Generally, the New Lead PRE Rule Applies to YOU if:

- Your renovation/repair work involves houses/apartments built before 1978.
- You disturb more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces.
- You are compensated for the work, do the work in exchange for other services (bartering), or you or your staff do the work as property managers.
- Your work is not specifically excluded from this law.






## What Does Lead PRE Require You to Do?

**For work in houses or individual apartments:**

- Distribute the pamphlet, *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home*, to housing owners and occupants before starting renovations or repairs, AND
  Obtain confirmation of receipt of this pamphlet from owner and occupants (OR you may mail the pamphlet and obtain a certificate of mailing from the post office), AND
- Retain records for 3 years.

**For work in common areas of multi-family housing:**

- Distribute renovation notices to tenants.
- Retain records for 3 years.

## What Work is Specifically Excluded from Lead PRE?

- Housing built in 1978 or later
- Housing for the elderly or disabled persons (unless children will reside there)
- Zero-bedroom dwellings (studio apartments, dormitories, etc.)
- Housing or components declared lead-free by a certified lead inspector or certified risk assessor
- Emergency renovations and repairs
- Minor repairs and maintenance that disturb 2 square feet or less of paint per component

**To find out more about Lead PRE or to obtain the Protect Your Family From Lead pamphlet:**

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