## Certified Renovator Classes

The RRP Certified Renovator course is a one day (8 training hour) course. Classes are presented in English and all training materials are provided for each student. The course is presented as a combination of demonstration, lecture, and hands on activities.

At the end of the class, students will be given a multiple choice exam, and must earn a passing score of 70% or better to receive their RRP certificate at the end of the day. This certificate is valid for 5 years, and a refresher course will be required at that time.

Accelerated Risk Management is an Alabama based EPA accredited training provider. We offer classes all over the state of Alabama and the Southeast United States. Private classes are available.

In addition to the Certified Renovator course, we offer the Leaded Dust Wipe Technician course. This course allows individuals to perform clearance exams after a job has been completed.

Please call or go online for more information, for our calendar or to register for one of our classes.

### Why choose ARM for your training?

- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Locally owned and operated.
- Over 40 years experience in the construction and environmental fields.
- √ Real world focused training.
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Premium training materials.
- $\sqrt{}$  Fun training environment.
- √ Training by environmental professionals.
- $\sqrt{\phantom{0}}$  Excellent follow up support.





# Non-compliance can cost you BIG!

#### Penalties can include:

- up to \$37,500 in civil fines,
- up to \$37,500 in criminal penalties,
- revocation or modification of your license,
- and up to 1 year in prison per incident



Let's do the math... If you are completing one job per week, and you don't comply for three months (13 weeks) ...

Maximum penalties could result in \$975,000 in fines and 13 years in jail!

## They can find you...

The internet has made it easy for anyone to find your company, including the government. All the EPA has to do is search for renovation firms in an area, then compare the results to the list of firms they have certified. The state of Alabama has sent out postcards to firms that are licensed in the affected industries who are not certified. The EPA also has a tip line set up and has shut down job sites after receiving tips from concerned parties.

**R**emember that no matter how big or small your company is; if you do work or advertise to do work, then they can catch you.

Don't risk it! Get certified!

# Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair, and Painting



Preparing you for the EPA's RRP Rule



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# Background: The RRP Rule

The US Environmental Protection Agency issued the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) rule that went into effect on April 22, 2010. This rule addresses the threat of lead poisoning caused by renovation, repair, and painting activities. Studies have shown that the primary source of lead contamination in housing results from leaded dust released during these construction activities.

**C**hildren and pregnant women are most at risk from lead poisoning. In order to fulfill their extra nutrition requirements, they absorb more of what they consume. Lead is more damaging to developing bodies than to fully grown ones. Lead



poisoning can be treated, but the results may be permanent.



Children are particularly at risk because of handto-mouth introduction from normal play activities. Children tend to play on floors where dust collects, and put

items into their mouths increasing their risk for exposure.

Children suffering from lead poisoning are at risk for decreased IQ, learning and speech problems, ADD and ADHD, and behavioral problems. Adults can suffer from reproductive problems, respiratory and circulatory problems, kidney problems, diabetes, and

memory problems.



# How Does It Affect You?

This rule mandates training and using safer work practices for individuals and firms who perform certain types of work. It establishes procedures for educating homeowners and occupants, and also provides a mechanism for verifying adequate cleanup. The requirements will have to be met if your company performs or advertises to perform

work in residences or child occupied facilities built prior to

Work that disturbs less than 6 ft2 per room on the interior or 20 ft<sup>2</sup> on the exterior will be exempt from these regulations,



as will any work done by homeowners in their own home. However, any work done in these target properties for any form of compensation must follow the work requirements, standards, and practices.

## Specifically, this rule will impact:

- **General Contractors**
- **Painters**
- Maintenance personnel in rental properties, schools, daycares, and churches
- Trades such as roofers, plumbers, electricians, HVAC, tile and bath installers, cabinet installers, and others





# What should You Do?

Individuals working in the construction or maintenance industries should seek out a Certified Renovator class as soon as possible. Firms should begin the certification process as well. The EPA can enforce the rule at any time, and is actively searching for individuals and firms who are not certified.

#### Certified Renovators will be responsible for:

- Educating the homeowners or occupants
- Setting up the work space
- Performing and directing the work
- Testing for the presence of lead
- Maintaining containment
- Supervising and verifying the clean up
- Preparing and maintaining job records

#### **Get Certified**

Firm certification is easy. Just submit an application along with \$300.00 to the EPA. They will process the application and should respond within four to six weeks. The EPA's firm certification will be valid for 5 years.



Individual certifications will require that you attend a one day training session from an

EPA accredited training company. This certification will be valid for 5 years as well, and a half day refresher class will be required when the certification expires.

All workers will not need to be certified. Most companies certify the job foremen, though some also certify some of their sales people. Certified Renovators will be able to perform an instant test for lead, so certifying sales people may make sense for some companies.