



## Information on Wisconsin Rules for Out-of-State Lead-Safe Renovator Applicants

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is approved by the U.S. EPA to administer and enforce the Lead-Safe Renovation program in Wisconsin. This fact sheet includes information you need to know for conducting regulated lead renovation work in Wisconsin.

### Terminology

- EPA 'Firm' = Wisconsin 'Lead-Safe Company'
- EPA 'Renovator' = Wisconsin 'Lead-Safe Renovator'

### Certification Requirements

- **Wisconsin Lead-Safe Company certification** is \$75 with renewal every 2 years.
- **Wisconsin Lead-Safe Renovator certification** is \$50 every 2-years. Lead-Safe Renovators must:
  - Be in possession of their certification card when at a regulated work site
  - Re-certify every 2 years
  - Complete refresher training every 4 years

### Definition of Lead-Based Paint and Approval of Test Kits

- Wisconsin defines lead-based paint as 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead in dried film of paint or **.06% lead by weight** (600 ppm)
- EPA defines lead-based paint as 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead or **0.5% by weight** (5,000 ppm)
- DHS will recognize paint test kits that detect lead to Wisconsin standards
- Any test kits recognized in Wisconsin will be posted at [www.dhs.wi.gov/lead](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/lead)

### EPA Homeowner Opt-Out and Renovation Reports

- There is **NO homeowner opt-out** from lead-safe work practices in Wisconsin
- Wisconsin **requires a post-renovation report** to owners and occupants within 10 working days after completing renovation, that includes --
  - A copy of any written contract
  - Any official report that lead-based paint is not present
  - A copy of the signed receipt of Renovate Right booklet or certificate of mailing
  - A Post-Renovation Report documenting training provided to uncertified workers, use of warning signs, containment set-up and waste containment methods used, cleaning methods used, and cleaning verification conducted by a certified renovator
  - If a test kit was used, the model used and specific components and locations tested, with results
  - If clearance sampling was conducted, a copy of the final Clearance Report

### Prohibited Work Practices in Wisconsin

1. Open-flame burning, torching or charring of paint is prohibited.
2. Operating a heat gun on paint at or above 1100 degrees Fahrenheit is prohibited.
3. Chemical paint strippers containing methylene chloride are prohibited.
4. High speed machine paint removal such as abrasive blasting, sandblasting, needle gunning, or machine sanding, grinding or planing, is prohibited unless operated with HEPA-filtered exhaust control in a fully contained work area.
5. High-pressure water blasting or hydroblasting is prohibited unless conducted in a fully contained work area with HEPA-filtered exhaust control and water collection.
6. Improperly operating HEPA vacuums are prohibited.



7. Dry sweeping dust, debris or paint chips in a renovation work area is prohibited.