Before renovating, learn how to protect your family from the dangers of lead paint.

- Test work area for lead paint.
- Seal off the work area with plastic sheeting.
- Wet area during scraping and sanding to keep dust out of the air.
- Do not remove paint with a torch or heat gun.
- Move your family until work is done, and the area is properly cleaned.
- If using a contractor, ask if they are licensed in Michigan.
- If renovations are already complete, test the space, and test your children for lead.

*A sign that your home was built before 1978 and that it may contain lead paint.*
It’s Michigan Law... What Should You Know?

Lead Paint Pre-Renovation Education Law

Built before 1978? The law applies now.

What’s the size of work area that applies? At least 2 square feet of painted surface inside or 20 square feet of paint outside.

Who does what? Those doing renovations must provide a federal booklet called Renovate Right to the property owner and occupants and users of the property before work begins. Contractor keeps proof that the booklet was received.

Renovation, Repair & Painting Law


What’s the size of work area that applies? At least 6 square feet of painted surface inside or 20 square feet of paint outside.

Who does what? The same as the Pre-Renovation Law and the contractor needs to be licensed. Workers on the job need training to do their work using lead-safe practices. They must test for dust when they are done to ensure the work area is clean.

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