



LeadLines

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Business Owners -
Information you need to know!

An Employee becomes a Lead Certified Renovator. What's missing?

Have a Successful and Busy RRP Season

Aside from the costs associated with your employee's Lead Renovator training and certification, there are several important items that business owners need to know to keep project completions in compliance with the regulations and best practices.

Here is a list of things to get your crew up to speed:

1. Owners need to obtain the latest approved training manuals. Some of those Renovators trained in 2009 to September 2011 may have no knowledge of the newer training manuals. You may be out of compliance without them. The date on the front cover should say October-2011. Here is a link to the new manual: <http://www2.epa.gov/lead/training-courses>

Be sure to get the initial Renovator course. It's a great tool for owners that want to be assured that the work done by employees meets the letter of the law. Please keep one for yourself, and give one to your employees too.

2. In case your employee did not understand, or failed to let you know, your firm, and all others that work on pre-1978 residential or child-occupied facilities, must certify their firm as a Lead Renovation firm. This is very easy to do, and costs only \$25 for five year certification. This is a costly mistake if our enforcement folks find that you failed to obtain this certification. Here is a link to the firm certification: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Documents/HIP-Lead-Based-Paint-Apply-RRP-Company-Certification.pdf>

3. Make certain you understand the record-keeping requirements of the rule. Find this information in Module 7 of the manual. If you find that your renovator has not complied with the recordkeeping rules, gather the necessary forms, and make simple instructions, from Module 7, for what is required.

4. Not everyone working on the site must be a certified Renovator. A Renovator can train other uncertified workers. It's a tool you can use to expand your workforce when needs arise. Module 8 gives guidance on what training must be accomplished. As long as they are trained for the tasks used on a job site, they are trained from there forward to do similar activities on other sites. Make sure you use the training materials in Module 8.

5. We respond to all tips/complaints coming into our office. Oftentimes, it is a neighbor or contractor that sees a project underway that is not contained properly who submits a complaint. We welcome your tip!

We have heard the blogosphere claims that no one is doing enforcement of the RRP rule. That may exist to some extent in a number of states. Not in Washington! We write citations on each violation found on site. We do not write warning citations!

Where do you complain?

Here is our complaint contact line we check regularly:

(360) 586-5323 All we need is your first name, contact telephone number, and the suspect worksite address. We'll get back to you quickly to check on the current status of the worksite.

Reminders

- *Commerce provides state certification exams the first Wednesday of every month.*
- *Refresher courses do not require an additional state exam.*
- *All training providers accredited in Washington are found on our website: www.commerce.wa.gov/lead*
- *Certified Renovators must work for a Certified RRP Firm. Make sure your firm is certified.*
- *Call us for training information at: (360) 586-5323*