OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Which Type of Certification is Needed:

Lead-Based Paint (LBP) or Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP)?

To ensure construction professionals have the correct certification, it is important to understand the key differences between lead-based paint abatement and renovation, repair, and painting. Abatement is a specialized activity designed to address lead in the home. RRP projects are often undertaken for reasons unrelated to lead issues, but may disturb lead-based paint and create a lead dust hazard.
RRP activities include most home contracting work.

Lead-Based Paint Activities

- LBP activities include lead-based paint inspections, risk assessments and abatements.
- Lead abatements are designed to permanently (for 20 years or more) eliminate existing LBP hazards. They may be ordered by a state or local government in response to a lead-poisoned child or other reason, or may be undertaken voluntarily.
- Lead risk assessments are designed to identify lead hazards and management strategies. Lead inspections are designed to locate all LBP in a home.
- Individuals must be trained by a DEQ-accredited training program and certified by DEQ to perform LBP activities. Firms performing LBP activities must also be certified.
- LBP activities are regulated differently than RRP jobs, even though in some cases the activities are similar.

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Renovation, Repair and Painting Projects

- RRP projects are typically performed at the option of the property owner for repairs, aesthetics, or other reasons, or as an interim control to minimize lead hazards. They are NOT designed to permanently eliminate LBP hazards.
- RRP projects are any that disturb six square feet or more of interior painted surfaces or twenty square feet of exterior surfaces on pre-1978 housing or child-occupied buildings. This includes many typical home improvement projects.
- Individual renovators performing RRP work must be trained and certified in lead-safe RRP work practices by a DEQ-accredited training program. Firms performing RRP activities must also be certified by DEQ.
- Homeowners working on their own homes are not required to be RRP-certified, but should be familiar with lead-safe practices to best protect themselves and their families.

Certification and Training

Individuals performing LBP activities may be certified as LBP Inspectors, Inspector/Risk Assessors, Supervisors, Abatement Workers, and/or Project Designers. Each discipline has a specific class where individuals learn proper lead-based paint work practices. These certifications are renewed annually and have associated refreshers. The LBP Certified contractor must be associated with an LBP Certified Firm, which is also required to renew its certification annually.

To become RRP certified, a prospective renovator must complete an 8-hour class. Those who successfully complete this class become RRP Certified Renovators for 5 years. The RRP Certified Renovator will need to take a refresher course every 5 years to maintain their certification. The RRP Certified Renovator must be associated with an RRP Certified Firm, which is also required to renew its certification every 5 years.

More Information

For more information, please contact DEQ's Lead-Based Paint Program at **405-702-4100**.

https://www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/lead-based-paint/