

What to do if You See a Violation of the EPA's Renovation Repair & Painting (RRP) Rules

For EPA Region 7 – Missouri, Kansas, Iowa & Nebraska

Contact the EPA's Region 7 Office at 1-800-223-0425. Ask to speak to someone in the lead-based paint program. You can remain anonymous (if you wish) as you file a formal complaint. However, filing a complaint is the only way to guarantee the EPA will conduct an investigation.

Provide as much of the following data as possible:

- Address & Zip of the Jobsite where the Violation is Occurring – Be Sure the Data is Accurate!
- Company Name, Office Address & Zip of the Contractor Violating the RRP Rules.
- Pictures or Video of the Violation(s) – DO NOT Trespass to Obtain Such Proof.

NOTE: Since every situation is unique, please be prepared to answer follow-up questions if called upon by EPA inspectors. This will not apply if you remain anonymous. As a result, anonymous complaints might hinder an investigation – especially if critical data is incorrect or missing.

Not reporting RRP violations can cost occupants their good health and even more time and money in the long run. To learn more about lead paint dangers and what it takes for a contractor to comply with the RRP rules, please view the following resources on the web:

Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools - September 2011 (PDF) <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>

Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting - September 2011 (PDF) <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/steps.pdf>

Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right: EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program - September 2011 (PDF) <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf>