

# RENOVATE LEAD-SAFE

Protect yourself and your family from lead exposure by being aware of potential hazards during home renovation projects.



If your home was built before 1978, a home renovation project can easily create dangerous lead dust. This is one of the most common ways children are exposed to lead. Even low levels of lead in children's blood have been shown to affect a child's intellect, concentration, and academic achievement.

EPA encourages anyone pursuing renovations in a pre-1978 home to use a lead-safe certified contractor. However, if you plan to do-it-yourself (DIY), there are simple, important steps you should take to keep yourself and others safe during and after the renovation.

*\*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. (2021, October). American Healthy Homes Survey II Lead Findings.*

## Considering a home renovation project?

This chart can help you stay lead-safe while you renovate:



## Steps to Lead-Safe Work



This document presents an overview of lead-safe work practices. For detailed information about lead-safe work practices, please visit [epa.gov/lead/rrp-diylers](https://www.epa.gov/lead/rrp-diylers).