

Protect Your Family from Lead Poisoning



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"Get the Lead Out"



The Centers for Disease Control estimates that a quarter of a million children have blood lead levels high enough to cause *significant health damage*. Major sources of exposure include lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust, found in and around older homes and buildings built before 1978, and toys manufactured with paints and materials containing lead.

Lead Poisoning is Preventable. Protect your Family by:

- Keeping the area where your children play as dust free and clean as possible;
- Reporting chipped or cracked paint to your landlord, especially if you live in a home built before 1978;
- Making sure your children don't chew on painted surfaces, such as toys or window sills;
- Getting a **FREE** home lead inspection from the Ulster County Department of Health;
- Learning about EPA's new lead-safe renovation rule;
- Asking your doctor or your Health Department to test your child for lead, and
- Avoiding toys that contain lead.

Get Informed, Take Action - and Protect your Children from Lead Poisoning.

Your Ulster County Department of Health has a special program dedicated to helping you protect your family from lead poisoning. For more information and FREE assistance, call or email us at:

- **Phone: 845.340.3047**
- **Email your questions to Donna Greenfield at dgrn@co.ulster.ny.us**

For more helpful information online, visit:

- **CDC Lead Prevention Pages - www.cdc.gov/lead**
- **NYSDOH Lead Prevention Pages - www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead**
- **EPA Lead Prevention Pages - www.epa.gov/lead**



Owners and Contractors

As of April 22, 2010, anyone who conducts renovations, repairs, or painting in pre-1978 or child-occupied facilities must get certified. In addition to personal certification, there is also the requirement of getting your firm registered with EPA in order to ensure that you are not at risk to receive huge daily fines!



The EPA RRP requirements apply to you if your project disturbs:

- 6 square feet of interior lead paint surface AND/OR
- 20 square feet of exterior lead paint surface

Free or reduced cost Lead Renovator Certification classes are offered monthly through a Multi-county Health Department Partnership between Ulster, Orange and Dutchess counties.

