



Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Massachusetts DLS LSRC license # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

If your home was built before 1978, it may contain dangerous lead paint.

## When you renovate, repair, or paint, hire a licensed Lead-safe Renovation Contractor

### Why hire a Lead-safe Renovation Contractor?

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| <b>1. To protect your family from lead poisoning</b>                          | Even small amounts of lead can permanently damage a child's brain and nervous system, causing lower IQ, along with serious learning and behavior problems. |
| <b>2. To protect themselves and you from lead poisoning</b>                   | Lead can harm an adult's nervous system, increase blood pressure, and cause muscle weakness, abdominal pain, and reproductive problems in men and women.   |
| <b>3. To keep your home safe</b>  | Maintain the safety and value of your home by keeping it from becoming a lead hazard.  |
| <b>4. To use a contractor who cares about your family's health and safety</b> | A licensed contractor has taken the time and effort to take an approved training course in how to work lead-safe.  |
| <b>5. To use a contractor who obeys the law*</b>                              | Contractors who violate the law may be subject to large fines  |

\* DLS Lead Safe Renovation Regulations 454 CMR 22.00

### What will a Lead-safe Renovation Contractor do?

Property owners can use the checklist below to mark off the contractor's progress.

- The contractor will give property owners a copy of **Renovate Right**, a pamphlet describing the lead-poisoning risks that may come from renovation activity in homes built **before 1978**.

**Property owner:** The contractor must provide to you a copy of the **Renovate Right** pamphlet **before** the work begins.

- Then, the contractor will either  
(1) **test** to determine whether lead paint is present (using EPA-approved test procedures) or  
(2) **assume** lead paint is present if home was built before 1978.

If a test shows that lead paint is present, or if the contractor assumes that lead paint is present, the contractor will use the lead-safe work practices listed on the next page.

A Lead-safe Renovation Contractor will use the following work practices to avoid creating and spreading dangerous lead dust:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Set up the work area to prevent the spread of lead dust</b>                            | <b>Indoors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Post warning signs at all entrances</li><li>○ Remove all moveable items</li><li>○ Cover items that are not removable</li><li>○ Close and cover air vents</li><li>○ Close windows</li><li>○ Close and seal doors to rooms not needed for work; flap doorways entering the work area</li><li>○ Cover floors with taped-down plastic sheeting</li></ul> <b>Outdoors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Close windows and doors within 20 feet of work area</li><li>○ Cover ground within the work area</li><li>○ Set up vertical containment if necessary</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Protect workers</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Workers wear protective gear: safety goggles, respirator, and disposable coveralls, gloves, hat, and shoe covers during dust generating activities</li><li>○ No smoking, eating, or drinking in the work area</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Create as little dust as possible, and keep all dust confined within the work area</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Except around electrical outlets, mist areas before sanding, scraping, drilling, and cutting</li><li>○ Use shrouded power tools equipped with HEPA-vacuum attachments to collect dust generated during the work</li><li>○ Use precautions to avoid tracking dust and debris outside the work area</li><li>○ <b>No</b> open-flame burning, high-heat guns, or power tools unless specially designed to be lead-safe</li></ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Clean up safely at the end of each day and after the work is completed</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pick up paint chips and debris</li><li>○ Mist, fold inward, and roll up plastic sheeting; tape to keep closed</li><li>○ Use HEPA vacuum and damp cloths or wet mops to clean all surfaces</li><li>○ Store waste securely until it can be removed safely</li><li>○ Dispose of all waste in accordance with federal, state, and local rules</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check the work to make sure that no lead dust remains</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ For outdoor work: Conduct visual inspection</li><li>○ For indoor work: Conduct visual inspection and use additional approved methods to make sure the area is clean</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Train his or her workers to work lead-safe, and supervise their work</b>               |  |

The contractor named below agrees to follow these lead-safe work practices to protect you, your family, and your community from lead poisoning.

Contractor's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To find Lead-safe Renovation Contractors licensed by the Department of Labor Standards or to learn more, visit: <http://www.mass.gov/leadsafe>