



## Meeting Lead-Based Paint Requirements

If your property is cited for defective paint, was **constructed prior to January 1, 1978**, and there is, or will be, a child residing in the unit under the age of 6, the following steps must be completed before your property can pass its HCVP HQS Inspection:

1. Hire a certified firm that uses an EPA certified renovator to perform lead-safe work repairs. A list of Certified Renovators/Certified Firms can be found at [http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp\\_firm.htm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_firm.htm).
2. Have a full-house lead clearance examination, which meets the requirements of the Ohio Law and the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule, performed by a licensed risk assessor, licensed lead inspector, or a certified clearance technician for interior repairs that disturb more than 2 square feet of a painted surface in any interior room or 10 percent of a minor area. Exterior repairs that disturb more than 20 square feet of a painted surface require a clearance examination that must include at least one dust sample from an exterior living space such as a porch.
  - A. Lead test kits are not acceptable according to the HUD guidelines.
  - B. A lead clearance examination is not required on properties found to be free of lead-based paint by a certified inspector who uses a portable XRF device.
  - C. A list of lead clearance examiners can be found at [http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/dspc/lp\\_prev/lp\\_prev1.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/dspc/lp_prev/lp_prev1.aspx).
  - D. For more information call the City of Cleveland Lead Safe Living Healthy Homes Program at (216) 263-5323.
3. Provide North Coast Housing Connections (NCHC) with the following documents:
  - A. **A copy of the Renovation Report, which includes:**
    - a. **A copy of the firm's certification certificate**
    - b. **A copy of the certified renovator certificate**
    - c. **A copy of the signed pre-renovation education form, confirming receipt of the lead hazard information pamphlet**
  - B. **A clearance report completed by an Ohio licensed risk assessor, paint inspector or clearance technician.**
4. Both the renovation report and the passed lead clearance test must be provided to NCHC as one submittal within 30 calendar days from the annual or inspection and 7-10 business days from the first initial inspection for properties coming on to the HCV Program. **No exceptions.**
5. The required documents must be either hand-delivered to NCHC's office, faxed or emailed to [Bill@ncoasthousing.org](mailto:Bill@ncoasthousing.org).
6. All repairs and clearances must comply with the Lead Safe Housing Rule, which can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/library/enforcement/LSHRGuidance21June04.pdf>.

For more information on becoming an EPA-certified contractor, call the EPA hotline at 1-800-242-LEAD (5323) or visit the web at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).