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-A new federal lead law goes into effect on April 1st, 2010

Beginning in April 2010, a new federal law requires contractors that are hired to perform renovations, repairs, or painting projects in homes, child-care facilities, and schools built before 1978 that will disturb lead-based paint to be certified in lead procedures and to follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

-Facts about lead

- Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults.
- Lead in dust is the most common way people are exposed to lead. People can also get lead in their bodies from lead in soil or paint chips. Lead dust is often invisible.
- Lead-based paint was used in more than 38 million homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978.
- Projects that disturb lead-based paint can create dust and endanger you and your family.

-From where does lead come?

- Dust is the main problem.
- Lead can also come from outside soil, your water, or household items. Contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD for more information on these sources.

-How to protect your family

Home remodeling creates dust, but proper work practices protect you from the dust. The three simple procedures that should be followed are:

1. Containing the work area
2. Minimizing dust
3. Cleaning up thoroughly

Lemke & Sons is certified in proper lead procedures.

For more information on lead, call the the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) or visit their website at www.epa.gov/lead/nlic.htm.