



CUSTOMER AUTHORIZATION FOR LEAD PAINT TEST



I understand that in accordance with the EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, my contractor or an independent, licensed Lead Inspector may have to test one or more small paint samples from the work area in my house to see if there is lead paint present. I authorize those tests to be done. I understand that they will try to perform these tests in locations that are out-of-view or not noticeable, but I understand there may be some small amount of surface disruption at a test site. I agree to hold my contractor harmless from any damage that occurs as a result of these required tests.

Test all for future _____ Test current order only _____

Homeowner Signature

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Date

Date

SIX THINGS HOMEOWNERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LEAD PAINT

1. Lead paint was banned from use in consumer products in 1978. Lead paint was often used in houses and apartments built before then. Lead was added to paint for many decades because it improved the performance of the paint (drying time, durability, etc.). However, if lead is inhaled or ingested (usually in the form of lead paint dust) it can be harmful to adults and especially to young children.
2. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires contractors to inform their customers about lead paint. A contractor is supposed to provide customers with a special pamphlet titled *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools*. If your home was built before 1978, you should receive a copy of this pamphlet from your contractor before any work begins on your house.
3. As of April 22, 2010, if a planned remodeling project is being done to a house or apartment that was built before 1978, and the work involves or impacts painted surfaces, then the contractor has to test one or more paint samples from the work area to see if there is lead paint. These tests can only be performed by an EPA-approved Certified Renovator. A quality contractor should have EPA-approved Certified Renovators working for them.
4. If lead paint is found in the work area, then the contractor must use "lead-safe work practices" in performing the remodeling project. This means using specialized equipment and procedures to reduce the risk of lead paint dust resulting from the work. Only contractors registered with the EPA are allowed to do this, and only Certified Renovators and specially trained crews can perform lead-safe work practices.
5. The use of lead-safe work practices will increase the amount of time and the expense incurred by the contractor in performing the remodeling project. Therefore, a contractor may need to apply a "Lead-Safe Work Practices Surcharge" based on the size and type of the work involved.
6. A customer should be given copies of any exemption or exclusion forms used by a contractor, as well as copies of the results of any paint samples tested by a Certified Renovator. If lead-safe work practices are used on a remodeling project, the customer should be given a certificate signed by the Certified Renovator showing that lead-safe work practices were properly performed.