



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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THE SECRETARY

An Important Message from the Secretary

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's new lead-safe housing regulation is designed to protect our nation's most vulnerable and valuable resource - our children. This new initiative establishes a measure of training in the workplace that will ensure a lead-safe work environment.

I am pleased to announce that HUD will be providing free nationwide training on how to work safely with lead-based paint in publicly-assisted housing during routine maintenance and painting, as well as housing rehabilitation. Over 200 courses will be offered in over 100 cities across the nation. The purpose of these one-day courses is to enable workers to get the information they need to protect themselves - and children who will live in the properties they work on - from the threat of lead poisoning.

I urge you to send your maintenance workers, rehab contractors, painters and others who may come into contact with lead-based paint to attend these courses. Successful completion of the courses will enable you to comply with HUD's new lead-safe housing regulation. For further information on the courses please call HUD's Lead Paint Compliance Assistance Center toll-free at 1-866-HUD-1012.

Everyday, children are at risk from the effects of lead poisoning - a disease that is entirely preventable. Together, we can help protect our nation's workers and families with this valuable training opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Martinez", written in a cursive style.

Mel Martinez



Office of Healthy Homes and
Lead Hazard Control

**To register for these
free courses visit
<www.leadlisting.org>
or request a fax
registration form
by calling HUD's Lead
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Free HUD Training: Working Safely with Lead Paint During Rehab and Maintenance Projects

Q: Who should take one of HUD's free courses in lead-safe work practices?

A: The courses are designed for property owners and managers, maintenance workers, painters, and rehab contractors working in federally-assisted housing built before 1978, in order to protect children and workers from lead exposure. Completing one of the courses fulfills the requirements of HUD's Lead-Safe Housing rule (24 CFR Part 35), which took effect September 15, 2000.

Q: Where and when will the training take place?

A: HUD is sponsoring 200 training classes in 100 locations across the country (see attached list of training dates for areas near you).

Q: HUD is offering two courses. Which one should I take?

A: Two courses will be conducted in every location. The first course is a one-day lead-based paint maintenance-training program – "Work Smart, Work Wet & Work Clean to Work Lead-Safe" –for maintenance workers, property owners and managers, and other staff responsible for activities such as repainting and minor repairs. The second one-day course is for contractors and workers performing rehabilitation or remodeling activities including weatherization, structural repairs and unit upgrading. You should take the course that is most relevant to your work.

Q: Will I be certified as an abatement contractor, risk assessor, lead inspector or clearance technician after taking the lead-safe work practices course?

A: No. By taking and passing either of these HUD-approved one-day courses, participants will receive a "Notice of Completion" stating that they are "trained in lead-safe work practices" and meet the "interim control" training requirements of the HUD rule. **These courses ARE NOT for licensing of inspectors, risk assessors, abatement supervisors, or abatement workers.** These courses *are* aimed at maintenance and rehabilitation workers who need to know how to do their jobs safely.

Q: Who can attend these courses?

A: Any personnel who are directly involved with conducting maintenance or rehabilitation activities on properties receiving federal assistance should attend. Participation by government and housing program employees, administrators, and grantee administrative staff will be limited because other training classes on program administration are being offered.

Q: How do I sign up for a course in my area?

A: Pre-Registration is required. To register, visit <www.leadlisting.org> (click on "HUD-sponsored training" and follow the instructions) or request a fax registration form by calling HUD's Lead Paint Compliance Assistance Center toll-free at 1-866-HUD-1012.

Working Safely With Lead Paint During Rehab and Maintenance Projects

TO REGISTER FOR THESE FREE COURSES:

Visit <www.leadlisting.org> (click on 'HUD-Sponsored Training' and follow the instructions); or

Request a fax registration form from HUD's Lead Paint Compliance Assistance Center at 1-866-HUD-1012.

TBD = To be determined. Visit <www.leadlisting.org> for schedule updates

State	City	Lead-Based Paint Maintenance Training	Lead Based Paint Remodelers and Renovators Training
AK	Anchorage	19-Apr	20-Apr
AL	Tuscaloosa	26-Apr	27-Apr
AR	North Little Rock	12-Mar	13-Mar
AZ	Phoenix	15-Mar	16-Mar
AZ	Tucson	19-Mar	20-Mar
CA	Sacramento	26-Apr	27-Apr
CA	Oakland	30-Apr	1-May
CA	San Jose	3-May	4-May
CA	Santa Rosa	7-May	8-May
CA	Monterey Park	14-May	15-May
CA	Ventura	17-May	18-May
CA	San Luis Obispo	21-May	22-May
CO	Aurora	2-Apr	3-Apr
CO	Colorado Springs	5-Apr	6-Apr
CT	Hartford	TBD	TBD
DC	Washington	21-May	22-May
DE	Dover	3-May	4-May
FL	Orlando	26-Mar	27-Mar
FL	St. Petersburg	29-Mar	30-Mar
FL	Hialeah	23-Apr	24-Apr
FL	West Palm Beach	26-Apr	27-Apr
GA	Atlanta	7-May	8-May
GA	Macon	10-May	11-May
HI	Honolulu	19-Mar	20-Mar
IA	Des Moines	19-Apr	20-Apr
ID	Boise	3-May	4-May
IL	Belleville	7-May	8-May
IL	Chicago	7-May	8-May
IL	Springfield	10-May	11-May
IL	Rockford	10-May	11-May
IN	Evansville	2-Apr	3-Apr
IN	Bloomington	5-Apr	6-Apr
IN	Fort Wayne	9-Apr	10-Apr
KS	Olathe	19-Mar	20-Mar
KY	Covington	3-May	4-May
LA	Lake Charles	2-Apr	3-Apr
LA	Jefferson	5-Apr	6-Apr
LA	Monroe	30-Apr	1-May
LA	Shreveport	3-May	4-May
MA	Springfield	14-May	15-May
MA	Boston	TBD	TBD
MA	Fall River	TBD	TBD
MD	Hagerstown	TBD	TBD
ME	Lewiston	TBD	TBD
MI	Detroit	24-May	25-May
MN	Minneapolis	26-Apr	27-Apr
MO	St. Louis	14-May	15-May
MO	Kansas City	17-May	18-May
MS	Hattiesburg	9-Apr	10-Apr
MT	Missoula	30-Apr	1-May

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NC	Wilmington	26-Mar	27-Mar
NC	Greensboro	29-Mar	30-Mar
ND	Fargo	26-Mar	27-Mar
NE	Omaha	5-Mar	6-Mar
NH	Nashua	3&4-May	(Maintenance only)
NJ	Newark	30-Apr	1-May
NM	Albuquerque	19-Mar	20-Mar
NV	Las Vegas	26-Mar	27-Mar
NV	Reno	29-Mar	30-Mar
NY	Buffalo	5-Mar	6-Mar
NY	Rochester	8-Mar	9-Mar
NY	New York	15-Mar	16-Mar
NY	Syracuse	19-Mar	20-Mar
NY	Albany	22-Mar	23-Mar
OH	Cincinnati	30-Apr / 1-May	(Maintenance only)
OH	Mansfield	7&8-May	(Maintenance only)
OH	Cleveland	10&11-May	(Maintenance only)
OK	Oklahoma City	15-Mar	16-Mar
OR	Portland	9-Apr	10-Apr
PA	York	14-May	15-May
PA	Philadelphia	17-May	18-May
PA	Pittsburgh	21-May	22-May
PR	San Juan	19-Apr	20-Apr
RI	Providence	TBD	TBD
SC	Charleston	5-Mar	6-Mar
SC	Columbia	12-Mar	13-Mar
SC	Greenville	15-Mar	16-Mar
SD	Sioux Falls	29-Mar	30-Mar
TN	Knoxville	19-Mar	20-Mar
TN	Chattanooga	22-Mar	23-Mar
TN	Memphis	26-Mar	27-Mar
TX	Dallas	26-Apr	27-Apr
TX	Houston	30-Apr	1-May
TX	Beaumont	3-May	4-May
TX	San Antonio	7-May	8-May
TX	Waco	14-May	15-May
TX	Austin	17-May	18-May
TX	Brownsville	21-May	22-May
UT	Salt Lake City	26-Mar	27-Mar
VA	Hampton	9-Apr	10-Apr
VA	Arlington	24-May	25-May
VT	Burlington	TBD	TBD
WA	Seattle	19-Mar	20-Mar
WA	Spokane	22-Mar	23-Mar
WA	Bellingham	2-Apr	3-Apr
WA	Lakewood	5-Apr	6-Apr
WI	Milwaukee	21-May	22-May
WV	Parkersburg	2-Apr	3-Apr
WV	Charleston	5-Apr	6-Apr
WY	Cheyenne	2-Apr	3-Apr