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Free Lead-Safe training for contractors offered

A free lead-safe training is being offered to contractors and renovators, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, at the Kane county Government Center, Building A, Auditorium.

The Kane County Healthy Places Coalition wants to inform contractors and renovators that if you work on homes, schools or day-care centers built before 1978, you must complete the EPA-accredited Lead-Safe Training to continue working legally.

Who should take the training: The training is for contractors, renovators, painters, window installers, maintenance staff, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, floor finishers, and more.

Qualifications: Must work or live near Kane County, be at least 18 years of age, and be available for one day. Must understand and read English, and be able to show state photo ID for proof of residence for EPA.

Why:

- Avoid poisoning customers' kids, prevent lawsuits, and stop losing work.
- You may lose work or reputation without training.
- EPA may fine you up to \$37,500 per day/per violation, or limit your legal right to advertise.
- Protect yourself, your workers, customers, and your own children from serious health risks.
- Even minute amounts of dust from renovation, repairs and painting can cause irreversible brain damage to adults, children, and pets, but effects may not be noticed immediately.
- Attract new customers on the EPA website as a Lead-Safe Certified Renovation Firm.

A limited number of free spots are available per EPA grant. Please call (312) 491-0081 to register. Note: This training is being funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Office in Chicago, Illinois. Public Health & Safety, Inc. is accredited to teach Lead Renovator Initial and Refresher Classes by USA EPA and Illinois DPH.

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