



New guidelines for contractors

Beginning in April of 2010 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin enforcing any contractor hired to remodel, renovate, repair, and/or paint a home, child care facility, and school built before 1978, that disturbs lead-based paint needs to be certified and has to follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. "The special cleaning methods include: **Using a HEPA vacuum to clean up dust and debris on all surfaces**, There is to be no sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment," stated the EPA in their "Renovate Right" press release.

"Lead, combustible dust, asbestos, mold, and mercury are substances that compromise the health and safety of workers everyday...handlers are required to adhere to strict OSHA and EPA requirements. Minuteman Critical Filter Vacuums are engineered to safely collect and contain these and many more contaminants that can cause severe health defects," said Ed Hribar, Director of Hazmat at Minuteman International.

For more information about this subject, and other selling opportunities, please contact Terry Oelkers at 630-570-2440

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>



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