



## **New Lead Law Going Into Effect**

### ***State Public Health Department holds informational meetings on new Renovation, Repair and Painting lead law***

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** – The Illinois Department of Public Health Lead Program is holding 16 meetings around the state to inform the public about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new Renovation, Repair and Painting lead law that goes into effect April 22, 2010.

The new law requires contractors, property managers and others paid to replace windows or renovate residential houses, apartments and child-occupied facilities built before 1978 to be certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This new law is intended to protect children from leaded dust that may result from disturbing lead-based paint.

Common activities like sanding, cutting and demolition can create lead hazards that can be harmful to children and adults. In 2008, more than 5,000 Illinois children had elevated blood lead levels. This new federal law has the potential to significantly decrease childhood lead poisoning.

There is no safe level of lead in the body. Lead poisoning can cause health problems including decreased I.Q., learning disabilities, kidney disease, high blood pressure, miscarriage, and birth defects.

For more information about the meetings, contact the Illinois Lead Program at 217-782-3517.

## *Northern Illinois Meetings*

### **Aurora Meeting**

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)

Aurora Holiday Inn

2424 W. Sullivan Road

Aurora, IL 60506

### **Gurnee Meeting**

Thursday, February 18, 2010

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)

Vista Hotel & Conference Center

6161 W. Grand Avenue

Gurnee, IL 60031

### **Lisle Meeting**

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)

Hyatt - Lisle

Ballroom

1400 Corporetum Drive

Lisle, IL 60532

### **Moline Meeting**

Thursday, February 25, 2010

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)

I-Wireless Center

1201 River Drive

Moline, IL 61265

### **Rockford Meeting**

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)

Holiday Inn - Hoffman House

Moritz Banquet Room

7550 East State St.

Rockford, IL 61108

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